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Brian Ramsaur, 8, center, and his father and sister, John Ramsaur and Ann Ramsaur, 10, look at a model of one of the Navy's newest ships, the USS Arlington, named to honor those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the Pentagon and those who responded to the scene to help rescue and treat survivors. Brian and Ann's mother, Deborah Ramsaur, who worked in the Pentagon as a civilian secretary with the Department of the Army, was killed in the attack.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## World

**Milosevic war crimes:** Judges at the U.N. war crimes tribunal Friday granted Slobodan Milosevic's court-appointed defense lawyers permission to ask an appeals court to remove them from the case and allow the former Yugoslav president to represent himself again.

**Pakistani terror raid:** Pakistani troops assaulted a suspected terror hideout, killing at least six militants, including foreigners, hours after a military airstrike against an alleged al-Qaida training facility killed more than 50 fighters, the army said Friday.

The raid Thursday afternoon targeted a hideout at Kani Guram, a village in South Waziristan, army spokesman Gen. Shaukat Sultan said. Five of the six dead were foreigners, he said. Five other foreigners were captured trying to flee, Sultan said.

**Oil tanker cleanup:** Recovery crews have removed almost 13,000 tons of oil from a tanker ship 2.5 miles beneath the waves, Spain's government said Friday.

The tanker Prestige split in two during a storm off the Galicia region and sank on Nov. 19, 2002, disgorging most of its 20 million gallons of thick, toxic fuel oil onto the beaches of northern Spain and southwest France. It was Spain's worst environmental disaster and the eighth largest spill on record.

About 3.7 million gallons remained inside the two pieces of the ship, almost all of it in the bow. Deputy Prime Minister Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega said Friday virtually all this had been recovered.

**France terrorism plot:** Prosecutors requested Friday that six terrorist suspects be brought to trial for their alleged role in a foiled 2001 plot to bomb the U.S. Embassy in Paris, judicial officials said.

The decision on whether to prosecute the six rests with investigating magistrates Jean-Louis Bruguiere and Jean-Francois Ricard, France's top anti-terrorist judges, the officials said on condition of anonymity.

Among the six is French-Algerian Djamel Beghal, an alleged ringleader, who was arrested in July 2001 in the United Arab Emirates and turned over to French custody.

**Anglicans on gays:** A commission seeking to resolve the Anglican Communion's crisis over a homosexual U.S. bishop and other gay issues wrapped up its work Friday and said it would publish its report on Oct. 18.

The commission, headed by Irish prime



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

**Row, row, row your boat:** Sailors from Misawa Naval Air Facility race their handcrafted boat around a loop on Lake Ogawara on Friday as part of the Navy's 18th Annual Boat Regatta at Misawa Air Base, Japan. Thirteen teams from Navy commands and departments at Misawa built boats from scratch and tried to be the first around the roped-off swim area on the lake. Teams used everything from exercise balls to plastic coolers to construct a buoyant vessel. Sailors from left: Chief Petty Officer Rosa Santos, Petty Officer 2nd Class Kristi Herinckx, Petty Officer 1st Class Armand Covington and Lt. Bob Lutz.

Robin Eames, issued a brief statement as it ended a weeklong meeting at Windsor Castle, west of London. Before the meeting, Eames said the panel would probably "recommend radical changes in the ways Anglicanism relates to its different constituencies," but his statement gave no further clues about the recommendations.

The commission is dealing with a deep split among and within Anglican national churches caused by the election of V. Gene Robinson, who has a male partner, as bishop of New Hampshire, and by the decision of the western Canadian diocese of New Westminster to bless gay relationships.

## War on terrorism

**Iraq's president in Rome:** Iraq's interim president met with Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi on Friday as a previously unknown group claimed responsibility for kidnapping two Italian female aid workers in Baghdad.

President Ghazi al-Yawer, who is on a European tour, held two-hour talks with Berlusconi at the premier's office.

The group calling itself "Supporters of al-Zawhawi" posted a Web statement on Friday claiming to have kidnapped the two Ital-

ians. The name refers to Aymaan al-Zawahri, the deputy of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

The statement accused the Italian government of helping U.S. soldiers abuse Iraqi prisoners and gave Italy 24 hours to pledge to release all Muslim women held in Iraqi prisons if it wants to know more about the condition of the abducted aid workers.

Aid workers Simona Torretta and Simona Pari, along with two Iraqis, were seized from their offices in Baghdad by armed militants on Tuesday.

## States

**Overtime rules:** A House vote to overturn new Bush administration rules on which workers qualify for overtime pay was halted by Democrats trying to convince undecided voters they are the party that better protects worker rights.

The House voted 223-193 Thursday to stop the Labor Department from carrying out the new rules. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi called it a "rare victory for middle-class Americans."

The new regulations went into effect on Aug. 23.

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# Loss of 2nd BCT staff sgt. escaped brush with death, only to be felled day later by blast

BY SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP HABBIANYAH, Iraq — Fellow soldiers say it took insurgents two attempts to kill Staff Sgt. Gary Alexander Vaillant of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armored Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division.

The 41-year-old Puerto Rican father died Sunday in Khalidiya, when an anti-tank mine exploded beside the M1A1 Abrams tank he commanded. It was the 2nd Brigade Combat Team's first combat fatality since the unit deployed to Iraq from bases in South Korea.

Company A commander Capt. Christopher Pienkopol, 27, of Dallas, said Vaillant survived an encounter with an anti-tank mine just one day before he died.

That day, Vaillant — a 15-year career noncommissioned officer and Operation Desert Storm veteran — destroyed a mine by shooting it with a 50-caliber machine gun before it could detonate, he said.

"In a sense, he escaped death then," Pienkopol said.

The next day, Vaillant was patrolling the same street, poking his head out of the hatch on top of his Abrams when the anti-tank mine detonated, Pienkopol said.

Vaillant's ammunition loader, Pfc. Stanley Cuffee, 22, of Richmond, Va., was also peering out of the tank when the attack came. Cuffee escaped injury, but the force of the blast threw him back inside the turret, knocking his communications gear off his head.

Moments later, the body of his commander landed on top of him, Cuffee said. The young tankman in shock until his gunner, Sgt. David Olansoto, 39, of Puerto Rico, ordered him to get it together and

pull security with the tank's M240 machine gun, Cuffee said. When Cuffee talks about what happened, his eyes have the haunted look of a man who has seen hell.

"It's like a VCR with a never-ending rewind button. It plays through my head over and over. I know it is something I will never forget, but as long as I keep talking about it and don't bottle it up, it won't bother me as much," he said.

When he looks at the damage that the anti-tank mine did to the Abrams, which sits in a hangar beside a similarly mutilated Humvee, Cuffee knows he will never feel as safe inside a tank as he once did, he said.

The anti-tank mine is one of the most powerful bombs being used by insurgents. Even the heavily armored Abrams could not withstand its fury.

The right side of the tank bears the scars of its ordeal — gaping holes big enough to push a large wrench through are visible along the entire length of the vehicle. Sharpey appears to have penetrated the heavily armored turret and ripped big holes in the inch-thick armor plates guarding its tracks. Bulletproof glass around the hatch where Vaillant was standing is shattered, and one of the track wheels has a large chunk missing.

The other officers are parked nearby, including the tank that Vaillant's crewmembers transferred to the day after the accident so that they could continue patrol.

Cuffee, who arrived in South Korea about a week before last November, said one of his last memories of his commander is of Vaillant collecting toys, soccer balls and baseball gloves to give to Iraqi children shortly before his last mission.

"Me and him had our differences but every time he chewed me out for not doing



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Pfc. Stanley Cuffee, left, an ammunition loader with 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armored Regiment, and Sgt. David Olansoto, a gunner with the regiment, transferred to a new tank after an attack Sunday in Khalidiya that killed their commander, Staff Sgt. Gary Alexander Vaillant.

what I was supposed to do, he would come back and apologize. He has done a lot for me," he said.

Olansoto, the gunner, recalled eating with Vaillant at a Puerto Rican restaurant in South Korea. Losing a comrade hurts, but Olansoto is staying focused on his mission, he said.

"You can't let your emotions and feelings get to you. I have to finish the mission and get my other soldiers back," he said. Company A commander Pienkopol said he and Vaillant shared a strong Christian faith.

"He was a great man of God, which is awesome for me because I am, too. We were brothers in arms as well as brothers in Christ," he said.

Vaillant, who was a minister in the Assembly of God church, often spoke to other soldiers about his faith, Pienkopol said.

"Sometimes people were like: 'Man, all right, that's enough.' But he never quit and never stopped. The hope in his heart was that he would be able to lead some [Iraqi] child or adult to know Jesus Christ, but he never got that opportunity," he said.

The 2-72 tankers have all been affected by the death but are determined to push on with their mission, he said.

"We are not going to avenge his death," Pienkopol said. "We are going to see that his death paves the way for freedom. We can allow the Iraqi people to experience the freedom that most Americans take for granted," Pienkopol said.

Vaillant is survived by his wife, Michaela, and daughter, Sarah, 12, who live in Vine Grove, Ky.

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## New jobs for 7th Fleet: Missile patrol in Sea of Japan

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The 7th Fleet begins a significant new mission in the next few weeks: patrolling the Sea of Japan to provide early warning of ballistic missiles fired from North Korea at the United States.

The ships tasked with the initial patrols — the first of their kind ever undertaken by the United States — are the USS Curtis Wilbur, the USS John S. McCain and the USS Fitzgerald, according to a publication of the Missile Defense Agency, part of the Defense Department.

All three are 7th Fleet destroyers equipped with an Aegis weapons system that has been modified to detect and track medium- and long-range missiles. The ships would provide earlier warning of a missile launch and transmit the information to other systems, including land-based systems in Alaska and California designed to intercept the missiles and scheduled to be up and working by year's end.

Adm. Vern Clark, the Navy's chief of naval operations, who was in Yokosuka on Thursday as part of a several-day visit to

Japan, declined to say which ship would be the first on what he agreed would be a "historic" mission. Clark said the missile-tracking mission would be "providing for the defense of our country and our friends."

North Korea possesses ballistic missiles capable of reaching the U.S. West Coast, as well as Hawaii and Alaska, former CIA Director George Tenet testified at a Senate committee hearing in February 2003.

In 1998 the isolated, Stalinist nation test-fired a medium-range Taepodong 1 ballistic missile that arced over northern Hainan before splashing down in the Pacific Ocean.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi in March told reporters that the deployment would enhance regional security. "I think it will serve the public interest," he said in published reports.

Japan has worked cooperatively with the United States on missile defense for several years and has declined to comment on the mis-

sion, which will add a new responsibility to the already busy fleet, or say which ship might be the first to do the watch.

But Lt. Cmdr. Marc Boyd, a 7th Fleet spokesman, did say, "We remain ready to do any mission as tasked."

Secretary of the Navy Gordon England announced in a March speech that a destroyer would be

deployed to the Sea of Japan in September for missile tracking "and on a virtually continuous basis thereafter."

The new mission is in keeping with the Bush administration's plan to begin fielding initial missile defense capabilities by the end of 2004.

"The worldwide proliferation of ballistic missiles, combined with the growing development of deadly nuclear, chemical and biological agents requires the United States to field defensive missiles as soon as possible," according to the Missile Defense Agency.

Four other destroyers from the Navy's San Diego-based 3rd Fleet also are being readied for

the job: the USS Paul Hamilton, USS Stethem, USS Russell and USS John Paul Jones, according to Navy sources. The 3rd and 7th fleets comprise the Pacific Fleet.

By 2006, according to the Missile Defense Agency, 15 destroyers and three cruisers will be equipped for the long-range surveillance and tracking missions. The Pentagon has not said where they'll all be deployed.

The sea-based systems initially would be capable of tracking land-based interceptors, according to a Bloomberg News story in July that quoted Chris Myers, Lockheed Martin Corp.'s vice president of sea-based missile defense programs. Lockheed Martin was given an \$812 million contract to modify the Aegis ships, according to Bloomberg News.

By next year, the Missile Defense Agency says, Aegis destroyers will be able to shoot down short- and medium-range ballistic missiles. Last December, the cruiser USS Lake Erie successfully fired a Standard Missile-3 at a test target warhead and scored a direct hit, according to

the agency.

The Lake Erie will be joining the 7th Fleet this fall, according to a ship press release.

The 7th Fleet's new mission likely will mean longer at-sea periods for sailors on those ships, which will rotate in and out of the Sea of Japan to perform the watch. It also would mean that 7th Fleet would have to adjust its busy schedule, which includes more than 100 joint exercises with the navies of numerous nations in its area of operation.

Three years ago, North Korean officials said they would "exterminate" the U.S. aggressors if the United States deploys Aegis destroyers to the Sea of Japan. And on Tuesday, Pyongyang issued a press release claiming that the U.S. plan to deploy warships and patrol craft in the area was "a plot to blockade the coast of the DPRK, put the territorial waters of the DPRK under its control and go unchallenged in naval warfare."

The 1972 Anticommunist Missile Treaty between the U.S. and Russia had prohibited sea-based missile defense systems. But in 2002, the U.S. withdrew from the treaty.

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# Vehicle registration to bring added fees

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Off-base residents here considering a move or car purchase better hustle.

Starting Oct. 1, all Status of Forces Agreement personnel living off base must prove they have an exclusive parking space — and pay a one-time fee of about \$52 at vehicle registration.

The new rule applies only to car owners who move off base after Oct. 1, relocate to a different address in the Misawa community, or purchase a car after the deadline, said Maj. Joe Milner, 35th Security Forces Squadron Commander.

Anyone currently living off base who does not move or buy another vehicle is exempt.

"For us, truthfully, it's not that big of a deal," Milner said, since parking is relatively ample in the Misawa area and most off-base residences have assigned parking.

Until this summer, SOFA personnel in Japan and Okinawa, both on and off base, were excluded from obtaining parking certificates. But in July, after six years of debate with the Japanese government, the U.S. military agreed to comply with the Japanese law that requires car owners prove

## New policy takes effect Oct. 1 for Misawa off-base residents

they have assigned parking.

The 1962 law is intended to prevent vehicle owners from parking on streets and to reduce road congestion.

The Japanese government also wants on-base car owners to pay, but the U.S. military so far won't allow it.

For most Japanese prefectures, the change for off-base SOFA members went into effect Sept. 1. Officials at Hachinohe Land Transportation Office, where Misawa personnel register their vehicles, told the base the new rule wouldn't affect base personnel, Milner said.

On Aug. 30, however, they said there would be no waivers and Misawa personnel must comply. Base officials balked at the Sept. 1 deadline, since they had no time to notify car owners, Milner said.

For off-base residents who register a vehicle or move after Oct. 1, the new parking certificate requirement adds several steps, a waiting period and additional cost.

Car owners must get a signed consent form from the property owner verifying a parking space and draw a two-sided map of the assigned spot; both documents are provided to Japanese Nation-

al Police. Milner said one side of the map is to help JNP find the residence, while the other is to present a more detailed drawing of the parking space. JNP will verify the parking spot exists and measure it to ensure it's large enough for the owner's vehicle. The police agency has five days to do this, Milner said. JNP charges about \$20 per vehicle to process the parking pass and about another \$5 for the actual decal.

At the Hachinohe Transportation Office, off-base residents then pay another \$27, approximately, for the final processing of the parking application.

Parking fees — which must be paid in Japanese yen — are separate from other vehicle registration charges, which vary depending on engine size and other factors.

Though the extra cost may seem high, Milner said it's important to keep it in perspective.

"We are still paying significantly less to drive a car here than in the United States and practically anywhere else in the world," he said, noting the Japanese government gives SOFA personnel a "big break" on road tax fees. This is "just another part of supporting our local community and not

being separate. Car registration is now the same," he said.

Car owners who fail to obtain a parking certificate can be fined nearly \$300.

Base officials plan to produce brochures outlining the vehicle and parking registration process; they'll be available at the Pass and Registration and Housing offices by Oct. 1. Information will also be distributed via squadron commanders, first sergeants,

agency directors, EDGE radio 1575 and the commander's access channel. Residents may call Pass and Registration at DSN 226-3995 with questions, but Milner said base officials are still trying to formulate answers to various scenarios, such as someone who buys a car while in billeting and then moves off base after Oct. 1.

"If they can just give us a little bit of time, I think we're going to be able to answer their questions," he said.

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# Navy slated as first to civilianize medical jobs

Starting with the Navy next July, the services will begin a multiyear effort to replace thousands of uniformed medical personnel in base hospitals and clinics with federal civilian hires and, in some cases, private contractors.

This is part of the Bush administration's plan to "transform" the military, in this case by converting 10 to 12 percent of military medical billets into civilian jobs, which would reduce personnel turbulence in the health-care system and, over time, lower personnel costs.

More than 15,000 jobs could be impacted through 2011 if the

Army and Air Force match the Navy, which has identified 5,000 medical positions, out of 41,000, as having no "readiness" mission to justify being filled by uniformed personnel. The Navy said more than 35,000 medical billets must remain military, however, because of the requirement to deploy with the fleet, serve alongside Marines or be sent to bases overseas, when needed.

In recent years, Navy Medicine had identified "nonreadiness" billets with "potential to be converted to civilian or contractor," said Lt. Cmdr. Tim Weber, head of manpower operations for the Navy's Bureau of Medicine. It there-

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Tom Philpott

fore was ready last January when Defense leaders directed it to convert 1,772 medical billets to civilian jobs during July through September 2005.

The remaining 3,643 nonreadiness billets could be converted later in the current budget planning cycle, which runs through 2011.

Army and Air Force medical billet conversions are expected to begin in fiscal 2006 but the number of jobs involved awaits final approval.

For 2005, the Navy requested \$35.8 million to add 1,772 civilian medical workers to its payroll for the last three months of fiscal 2005. That's an average cost of \$20,000 per new employee for the July-through-September quarter, or \$80,000 per position annually.

No military personnel will be involuntarily separated for this, Weber said. Because Navy medicine is slightly understaffed, those leaving converted billets will fill existing vacancies in readiness-related billets.

## Premiums rising

Medicare Part B premiums will make their biggest jump ever in January, rising by 17 percent, or \$11.60, to a new monthly rate of \$78.20.

The announcement stiffened the resolve of military retirees backing HR 3474, the "Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees" bill. Among other things, HR 3474 would waive Part B premiums for elderly military retirees who need Part B coverage to participate in Tricare for Life.

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# 5th AF marks anniversaries

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The 5th Air Force threw a little birthday party Friday morning.

On the lawn in front of its headquarters, with the Pacific Air Forces band and Yokota Honor Guard setting the scene, officials marked a pair of upcoming anniversaries: the Air Force's 57th birthday and the 5th Air Force's 63rd anniversary as a numbered entity.

The celebration also included Japan Air Self-Defense Force and 374th Airlift Wing guests.

Lt. Gen. Thomas Waskow, commander of 5th Air Force and U.S. Forces Japan, spoke about the significance of Sept. 18, 1947, when President Truman signed the National Security Act making the Air Force a separate military branch.

"It's no coincidence that the Air Force gained its independence from the Army so soon after the end of World War II," he said. "That global conflict underscored the importance of air power and significantly determined success in Europe and the Pacific."

Waskow said it's just as critical today, with the United States engaged in a worldwide war on terrorism.

"This [war on terror] actually began several years back, but had its most infamous moment almost exactly three years ago," he added, referring to the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in the United States.

"The images that accompany it remind us that air power is a deadly force that can be used for evil as well as for good."

He praised the performances of airmen from Yokota Air Base, Japan, and Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, during Operation Iraqi Freedom and said the Air Force should continue acting as a beacon of innovation in technology and change.

"New national security realities have forced us to redefine

our enemies, as well as our concept of defense," Waskow said. "All the new and exciting things we do here at 5th, and across the Air Force, underscore the necessity of transforming our military capabilities and posture. And we will do that."

"Transformation is about developing capabilities and exploring new concepts of operations that allow us to meet whatever challenges come our way."

Waskow, with 38 years of service, joined Airman 1st Class Phillip Haynes of the 20th Operational Weather Squadron — who's

been in for nine months and 28 days — in the traditional cake-cutting ceremony. Traditionally, that duty falls to the youngest and most senior Air Force member present.

The 5th Air Force, which has been based at 23 different locations since its inception Sept. 20, 1941, is one of the few that's never had a headquarters in the United States, officials said. It was once called the Far East Air Force and remains the service's most decorated numbered organization.

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LADONNIS CRUMP/Courtesy of U.S. Air Force

Lt. Gen. Thomas Waskow, left, commander of 5th Air Force and U.S. Forces Japan, and Airman 1st Class Phillip Haynes of 20th Operational Weather Squadron take part in a cake-cutting ceremony Friday morning at Yokota Air Base, Japan, to mark upcoming Air Force anniversaries.

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# Rumsfeld vows Iraq insurgency will be quashed

BY PATRICK DICKSON

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told journalists at the National Press Club on Friday that the Iraqi interim government understands the problem of insurgents having sanctuary, as do coalition leaders, and that dangerous cities will be taken back one way or the other.

"In Najaf, [U.S. forces] could have gone in and taken over the town; [we] had the military power to do it," he said. "And they had Iraqi forces ready to take care of the shrines, so the coalition forces wouldn't have to do

it.

"It turned out they didn't have to. The fact that it was clear to [Muqtada] al-Sadr and his crowd — the militia — that they did have the ability to do that was what led al-Sadr to get out of town and turn in their weapons.

"There are other places that will be taken by force and it's really going to be a choice between the people in those towns and I don't mean the innocent Iraqi people, the overwhelmingly majority of which support the government ... what will take place in Fallujah: It will be restored under the control of the Iraqi government. We just don't know how, whether

it'll be done peacefully or by force.

Rumsfeld cautioned that there will be no clear sign of victory in the global war on terror, but that it is a necessary action and one that will ultimately make the world safer.

"We can't make people safe, because terrorists can attack at any time, any place, using any technique. It's not possible to defend in every place in the world, at every moment, day or night, against every conceivable threat."

Rumsfeld was asked about President Bush's recent comments that the war against terror

cannot be won.

"It isn't the kind of a war that ends with a signing ceremony on the [USS] Missouri. ... There's some things that you have to keep working on.

"We've got a bunch of people sending money to schools that put these young people in there and teach them how to go out and kill ... and lie to them, and tell them that they're going to be heroes! Will there maybe always be people out there who will try to pollute young minds? Maybe there will be, in which case, we're going to have to keep working the problem."

When asked about the adminis-

tration's efforts in the pursuit of Osama bin Laden:

"[Osama bin Laden] has not been seen on video since 2001. Why is he busy? It's because of the pressure we have put on him."

"This task we have is to do everything humanly possible to try to protect the American people, and this government has done a lot to make this world safer, and this coalition has done a lot to make this world safer."

"The great sweep of human history is freedom, and that is on our side."

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## U.S. troops strike at Fallujah for a fourth day

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A U.S. jet fired missiles Friday in the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, the fourth day of attacks targeting the city where U.S. and Iraqi troops have no control, officials said.

One man was killed in the attack, Dr. Ahmed Thar of the Fallujah General Hospital said. The attack followed airstrikes Thurs-

day that reportedly killed nine people in the northern town of Tal Afar, also one of the cities that has fallen under insurgent control and become a "no-go" zone for U.S. troops.

The airstrike in Fallujah on Friday came during a week in which nearly 20 American troops were killed — pushing the U.S. military death toll in the Iraq campaign above 1,000 — and al-Qaida

claimed U.S. forces neared defeat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The Americans in both countries are between two fires. If they continue they bleed to death and if they withdraw they lose everything," Ayman al-Zawahiri, Osama bin-Laden's top deputy, said on a videotape broadcast Thursday by Al-Jazeera.

U.S. and Iraqi authorities lost control of Fallujah after U.S. Marines ended a three-week siege

last April and turned the city over to a U.S.-sanctioned force, the Fallujah Brigade, which has now all but disappeared.

Restoring government control to major cities is essential if the country is to hold national elections by the end of January. Contacts are under way between Fallujah representatives and the interim government of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi to restore some control over the city. The Fallujah residents want the U.S. at-

tacks to stop and the Americans to pay compensation to people killed in attacks. Allawi wants city officials to hand over al-Qaida tied terrorists that he and the Americans say are in Fallujah.

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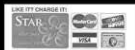


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# Abandoned bus proves bait for easy capture

## 1-4 Cavalry reels in three suspected kidnappers

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

FOB MCKENZIE, Iraq — The three Iraqi men might have thought the red-and-white bus would be their one-way ticket to paradise.

But the 1st Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry had a little surprise for the trio: Their bus would drive the suspected kingpins of a Samarra kidnapping ring not to paradise, but rather straight to detention.

The saga began in mid-April, when soldiers from the 1-4 Cavalry's Troop B, or "Buildwags," were on a daylong reconnaissance mission, according to Capt. Scott Synowicz, the 1-4 Cavalry's intelligence officer.

Led by Staff Sgt. Grant Phillips of Utica, N.Y., troops from the Buildwags' 2nd and 4th platoons were looking for weapons caches north of the Tigris River.

Just one day before, the soldiers had found two carefully hidden "terrain tables," crude models military members around the world use to plan attacks, according to Capt. Jamie Berry, who was the "battle captain" that day.

The scouts took pictures of the tables and took them to the 1-4 Cavalry's Forward Operating Base McKenzie to be analyzed by intelligence officers.

The tables turned out to be models of Camp Anaconda and FOB Brassfield-Mora, Berry said.

"The S-2 thought they had come [to that] spot to plan an attack," Berry, who hails from Tallahassee, Fla.

So the next day, the soldiers scoured the area.

Hidden near the same access route was a medium-size bus, an ambulance and an orange-and-white taxi.



The vehicles were in reventments, which are like graves with no tops. The holes are especially easy to dig in a desert's soft sand, and can be very tough to spot in the ever-shifting terrain.

Once again, soldiers took pictures for Synowicz.

Insurgents are notorious for using Iraqi taxis for suicide attacks. But the ambulance and the big bus were even more worrisome, Synowicz said.

The Geneva Conventions require that ambulances have freedom of movement, and insurgents have been known to take advantage of that by using the medical vehicles to smuggle weapons or get close to targets and explode them as car bombs.

And the sheer size of a bus made it a potential bomb of incredible lethality.

The bus "still ran; all that was stripped was the seats," Synowicz said. "You could have packed a lot of explosives in there."

The "Buildwag" scouts questioned local Iraqis. Where had these vehicles come from?

"No one [said they] knew anything," said Synowicz, of Pinehurst, N.C.

So 1-4 Cavalry leaders decided to confiscate the bus and the ambulance after checking for booby traps, hidden explosives and other nasty "surprises."

They left the taxi, because abandoned vehicles of that size are found all over Iraq, so the threat



PHOTOS BY LISA BURGESS/Stars and Stripes

**Above: The hollowed out bus found by the 1st Squadron, 4th U.S.**

**Cavalry "Buildwags" still sits in the maintenance yard, its owners apprehended as suspected kidnappers. Left: 1st Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry Capt. Jamie Berry shows the approximate location of where the three vehicles were found.**

was not worth towing the vehicle, the base spokesman and personnel officer, Capt. Nathan Springer of Oklahoma City, Okla., said Wednesday.

For the next four months, the ambulance and bus sat in McKenzie's vehicle maintenance yard. The ambulance rusted quietly, but mechanics sometimes used the hollowed-out bus to haul parts.

Then came Sept. 3, when these three guys show up at the gate," Synowicz said.

One of the men "said the bus broke down and when he came back [to get it], it was gone," said Synowicz.

"He said he had been looking for it for months and that he just found out from friends we had it."

The alleged owner had all the proper paperwork to show that the bus was, in fact, his. His story that the bus had been stolen "was plausible," Synowicz said.

But to Synowicz, something felt wrong.

He assigned 2nd Lt. Andrew Lee, one of his intelligence subordinates, "to run it down," Lee, from Havertown, Pa., "is really good at the investigative work," Synowicz said.

The Americans told the Iraqis to come back in a couple of days and Lee immediately began his search.

Low and behold, the names of all three men "hit: It turns out they were tied to a series of kidnappings in Samarra, and maybe even more than that," Synowicz said, declining to elaborate.

So when the Iraqis came back for their bus on Sunday, they got tied to ride: straight to detention. Asked why anyone involved in nefarious activities would just walk up to U.S. troops and ask for illicit property to be returned, both Synowicz and Berry shrugged.

"It just shows how bold they are," Synowicz said.

"Or else they think Americans are really stupid," Berry added.

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## Bombings target Iraqi beauty shops

BY NANCY A. YOUSSEF  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two months ago, Baghdad had a spree of attacks on liquor and music stores. Now beauty salons are being bombed.

Women in Baghdad say it's much more than an issue of unkempt hair.

They say the bombings are part of a larger effort by unorganized, illegitimate armies to foist a more conservative lifestyle on them.

The armies of Islamic militants have gained power on the street since the fall of the more secular Saddam Hussein.

Beauty shops in Baghdad often are run by women. Many of them have shut down in recent weeks

because they can't afford to rebuild after an attack or because their customers have been scared off.

Some salons allow men to work on women's hair, which may be frowned on by those attacking the shops, the women say. Some think salons are being targeted because beauty shops in general have been long known as places that facilitate prostitution. Others think it's because some Iraqis believe the beautification of women is sinful.

The women say the bombings rarely lead to arrests. They think unofficial groups such as rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army and the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq's Badr Brigade are orchestrating most of them.

Both organizations denied that their men were involved. Abdul Hadi al Daraji, an al-Sadr spokesman, said the cleric hadn't issued a religious order, or fatwa, calling for attacks.

In Sadr City, a poor neighborhood where the Mahdi Army is strong, abandoned beauty shops are easy to spot. Some have shattered windows.

Others simply look as if someone left one day and never came back.

The 47-year-old owner of a beauty shop in the Karada neighborhood, who asked not to be identified, said she used to take in up to 150,000 Iraqi dinar a day, about \$100. On average, she now brings in 3,000 Iraqi dinar a day, about \$2, "enough to buy bread and go home."

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Inspector General Paiman holds up a photo from a security camera Friday in Jakarta, Indonesia. It is said to show the suicide bombers' truck before it exploded Thursday near Australia's embassy in Jakarta.

## Australia wary after attacks

Indonesia eyeing Al-Qaida-linked terror group in bombing

BY LELY T. DJUHARI

The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Police released a grainy photo Friday of a white delivery truck taken by a security camera just before it blew up outside the Australian Embassy and said they suspect two suicide bombers in the vehicle set off the explosion, killing seven other people.

As details emerged in the attack, Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said in Jakarta that Indonesian police had received a mobile phone text message 45 minutes before the bombing, warning that foreign missions in Jakarta would be attacked unless the alleged head of Al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah, Abu Bakar Bashir, is freed from prison.

Australian officials said the threat was not passed on to Australian Federal Police until hours after Thursday's bombing. But Indonesian police said they had received no such warning.

"That's not true. Where did Downer get that from?" said Indonesian police spokesman Maj. Gen. Paiman, who goes by a single name.

In Australia, Prime Minister John Howard said another attack in Jakarta was a "distinct possibility." Militants have repeatedly struck foreign targets in Indonesia, the deadliest in 2002 when they bombed nightclubs on Bali, killing 202 people, including many Australians.

"There has been a lot of 'chatter' as the intelligence agencies call it, and a lot of evidence coming forward suggesting it," he said of another attack.

Bashir is in jail as prosecutors draw up a revised indictment against him for allegedly inspiring his followers to launch attacks.

A claim of responsibility in Jemaah Islamiyah's name was posted Thursday on an Internet site known for carrying extremist Islamic content. Its authenticity could not be verified.

"We decided to call Australia to account, which we consider one of the worst enemies of God, and God's religion of Islam," the statement said. "Here we were able to call it to account today in Jakarta, where one of the mujahideen (holy warriors) was able to execute a martyrdom operation with a truck bomb in front of the embassy."

Jemaah Islamiyah has also been blamed for the bombings at Bali and against the JW Marriott hotel in Jakarta a year ago, which killed 12 people.

The Australian Embassy attack, which also injured more than 170 people, struck a key U.S. ally in the war in Iraq. It came just ahead of the Sept. 11 anniversary, shortly before Indonesia's Sept. 20 presidential election, and ahead of Australian parliamentary polls on Oct. 9 in which Howard is running in a tight race on a pro-American, anti-terror platform.

Australian forensics experts and bomb experts joined Indonesian police at the bomb site Friday, marking evidence on the road by putting small orange flags on bits of bomb debris.

Howard has come under fire for sending troops for last year's U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. The war is unpopular in Indonesia, the most populous Muslim nation.

## Sudanese: 'Genocide' label will hurt talks

BY GILBERT DA COSTA  
The Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria — The U.S. declaration that Sudan government-allied militiamen have committed genocide in the Darfur region is a "big mistake" that could hinder peace talks and undermine the role of African states mediating the 19-month conflict, Sudan government officials said Friday.

The announcement by Secretary of State Colin Powell on Thursday that the killing, raping and displacement of black Africans by Arab fighters amounts to genocide "is sending a wrong signal" to rebel delegates at Darfur peace talks, said Sudan's deputy foreign minister, Ojajieb Al-Khair Abdel-Wahab.

"We will not be on U.N. sanctions, they will want to wait for action to be taken by the U.N. Security Council — and for that reason they will not be forthcoming in negotiations," Abdel-Wahab, a top government negotiator, told reporters.

"Colin Powell is making a big mistake," he said.

Sudan government and rebel envoys have been attending Darfur peace talks in the Nigerian capital, Abuja, since Aug. 23 in an African Union-brokered effort to calm violence that has left 30,000 dead and 1.2 million homeless. The United Nations

calls it the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

On Friday, mediators adjourned talks until Tuesday, saying little progress had been made.

Powell's announcement came as the United States pressured the U.N. Security Council to impose sanctions on Sudan's oil industry, among other measures, if the government does not take steps to improve security in Darfur and rein in the militia, known as Janjaweed.

Such sanctions are opposed by China and Pakistan. Security Council members that import Sudanese oil.

The violence in Darfur began when black African tribes rebelled in February 2003, accusing the national government in Khartoum of neglecting their neglecting interests.

Sudan's Abdel Wahab said the U.S. genocide declaration shows that the country doesn't believe the African Union can end the Darfur crisis, thus undermining the bloc's efforts.

On Friday, the African Union said its charter would force it to take action in Sudan if the bloc found ongoing genocide, but that no decision had yet been taken.

Associated Press writer Anthony Mitchell in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, contributed to this report.

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# Putin agrees to official school-siege inquiry

BY JIM HEINTZ  
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Apparently bending to widespread public pressure, President Vladimir Putin agreed Friday to a parliamentary inquiry into the bloody standoff at a southern Russian school, after having previously said none was necessary.

Putin already had agreed to an

internal investigation into the attack, apparently staved by separatists from breakaway Chechnya, that ended with the deaths of at least 33 hostages.

The seizure of the school in the North Ossetian town of Beslan and its bloody conclusion raised questions about the capabilities of Russian law-enforcement and security agencies.

"We are thoroughly interested

in receiving a complete, objective picture of the tragic events connected with the seizure of the hostages," Putin said in televised comments.

Putin spoke after meeting Sergei Mironov, chairman of the upper house of parliament, called the Federation Council. Mironov told Putin the chamber wanted to form the investigative commis-

Although the Federation Council largely follows Putin's lead, the inquiry could constitute a relatively independent and public review of the crisis. There were no immediate details about when it would begin work or what exactly it would investigate.

The estimated 30 militants raided the school on Sept. 1 and held more than 1,000 adults and children into a gymnasium. Two days later, Russian officials say, one of the bombs wired in the gym blew up accidentally, and some of the hostages tried to flee.

The attackers opened fire, and Russian special forces troops assaulted the building.

Russian lawmakers will consider a series of anti-terrorism proposals when they reconvene Sept. 22, including tighter controls on foreigners, restoration of the death penalty and a color-coded alert system similar to one employed in the United States since the Sept. 11 attacks, the Gazeta newspaper reported Friday.

Measures already announced by Putin include adding police to the security teams screening passengers and bags at airports.

North Ossetia's parliament, meanwhile, approved a new prime minister to head the government that was dismissed earlier in the week in the wake of angry demonstrations over authorities' failure to prevent the attack. Alan Boradzhov, the republic's former transportation minister, was nominated by President Alexander Dzasokhov, who dismissed the regional government but did not step down himself.

On Thursday, security officials had identified six of the militants who seized the school as being from Chechnya, drawing a strong connection to the Chechen insurgents who have been fighting Russian forces for years.

None of those identified so far were Arabs, undercutting the far government's contention that Arabs were involved.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and Chairman of the Federation Council Sergei Mironov meet Friday in Moscow. Putin agreed to a parliamentary investigation of the response to the Beslan school siege.

## Russia considering various measures to counter terror

BY DAVID MCHUGH  
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A color-coded alert system, tighter controls on foreigners and restoring the death penalty are among proposals floated by politicians to strengthen Russia's security after the terrorist attack on the school in Beslan.

Several of the measures — particularly the color alert system — echo those adopted by the United States in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

When the lower house of parliament, the State Duma, returns to session Sept. 22, it will take up a package of measures, including tightening rules for registering the addresses of foreigners, and for their entry and departure from the country, as well as closer controls on car registrations, the Gazeta newspaper reported Friday.

Some called for bringing back capital punishment, which remains on the law books in spite of Russia's halt to executions after it

joined the Council of Europe human rights organization in 1997.

"I don't exclude that parliament may lift the moratorium on the death penalty for terrorists," Duma defense committee chairman Viktor Zavarzin said.

Aman Tuleyev, the governor of the Kemerovo region, said he didn't want to wait until terrorists went to court.

"We shouldn't even take them prisoner. Capture some for investigative purposes, as for the rest — 'while trying to escape,'" he was quoted as saying by the Nezavisimaya Gazeta newspaper.

Reinstating the death penalty could hinder President Vladimir Putin's effort to build ties to Europe, however, and Putin said nothing publicly on the proposal.

The color alert system will be among measures considered by the Duma, Vladimir Vasiliev, the head of the Duma's security committee, said Thursday.

Such a system would "inform the public about the terror threat," he said.

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The royal couple, Brunei's Crown Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah Bolikh and his bride Sarah Salehah recite a *quran* during their wedding ceremony at Nurul Iman Palace in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, Thursday. The future king of oil-rich Brunei presented his new teenage bride to the world in a highly traditional ceremony attended by Asian leaders and Arab royalty.

## 5,000 attend wedding of Brunei crown prince

BY YEON EN-LAI  
The Associated Press

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei — Champagne was absent, but oil-rich Brunei laid out a lavish spread Friday for 5,000 high-powered guests to celebrate the marriage of its crown prince to a half-Swiss teenage commoner, in the biggest wedding that Asia has seen this year.

The official wedding banquet for royalty and dignitaries came a day after Crown Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah Bolikh, 30, wed Sarah Salehah, 17, in a traditional Malay ceremony dripping with gold and gems at the 1,788-room royal palace.

The prince's father, Sultan Hassanal Bolikh, threw a banquet that included delicacies of Western, Chinese and Malay origin, including baked lobster, fish in sweet-and-sour chili, paste, curry-battered prawns, and a beef stew. All were served with gold plates and dinnerware.

But Brunei is a Muslim country that bans alcohol and the beverage menu listed only coffee and tea.

Billah will eventually succeed his father, Sultan Hassanal Bolikh, one of the world's richest men because of his tiny country's oil wealth, as the 30th ruler in an unbroken line stretching back 600 years.

Brunei's people returned to work Friday, a day after many of the 350,000 population lined the streets to glimpse the couple promenade in a gold-colored Rolls-Royce limousine.

The banquet guest list included Crown Prince Naruhito of Japan, Bahrain's King Hamad, Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and two of Asia's elder statesmen — Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew and Malaysia's Mahathir Mohamad.

Prince Jefri, the sultan's estranged brother, did not attend the wedding and was expected to be absent from the dinner.

Jefri is blamed for losing an estimated \$7 billion of the kingdom's money on failed investment projects in the 1990s, although many credit him with building much of the modern infrastructure.

# Hurricane Ivan tramples on Grenada, heads for Jamaica

BY IAN JAMES  
The Associated Press

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada — Hurricane Ivan left Grenada a wasteland of flattened houses, twisted metal and splintered wood as it bore down on Jamaica on Friday with deadly winds and monstrous waves, prompting the government to order a half million people to flee their homes.

The death toll of 23 was expected to rise.

Ivan, a Category 4 hurricane on a scale of 5 with winds of 145 mph, could strengthen before striking the 145 by 50-mile island of Jamaica on Friday afternoon. It was forecast to make a direct hit on Kingston, the sprawling capital of 1 million people in the southeast, and smash across the island to exit around Montego Bay in the northwest.

Friday morning the storm's leading edge was kicking up heavy rain and winds off Jamaica's eastern tip and a large storm surge flooded roads there.

The government laid on buses for the evacuation of one in five Jamaicans — but some people were refusing to leave, Power 106 radio reported.

There were reports that Jamaican meteorologists were striking over a pay dispute Friday. Telephone calls to their office rang unanswered, but spokeswoman Nadine Newsome of Jamaica's disaster agency said she could not confirm the strike.

The hurricane devastated Grenada on Tuesday,

tossing sailboats against shore, tearing apart buildings and setting off frenzies of looting.

"The destruction is worse than I've ever seen," said Michael Steele, a 34-year-old resident whose home was destroyed. "We're left with nothing."

U.S. officials ordered people to evacuate from the Florida Keys after forecasters said the storm — the fourth major hurricane of the Atlantic season — could hit the island chain by Sunday after crossing

**Florida braces for another storm.**  
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Cuba. It was the third evacuation ordered in Florida in a month, after Hurricane Charley and Hurricane Frances.

Ivan, already the fiercest hurricane to hit Caribbean islands in a decade, unleashed violent winds, downpours and waves across a wide area. It killed 13 people in Grenada, one in Tobago, four in Venezuela, one Canadian woman in Barbados, and four youngsters in the Dominican Republic swept away by a giant wave Thursday even though the storm was nearly 200 miles away.

"When dogs interfere with garbage bags and strew the contents all over the place — that's what Grenada looks like," Trinidadian leader Patrick Manning said after visiting the island Thursday.

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## U.S. seeks G-8 backing on Iran nuke issue

BY ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS  
The Associated Press

GENEVA — The United States held talks with disarmament officials from major countries Friday as it steps up pressure on Iran to renounce any move toward acquiring nuclear weapons, officials said.

Washington wants the backing of the Group of Eight nations for its attempts to have the International Atomic Energy Agency declare Iran in violation of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Such a vote by the IAEA board at its three-day meeting in Vienna, Austria, starting Monday, could lead to U.N. Security Council sanctions.

The United States demands that Iran renounce uranium enrichment, which could be used to develop nuclear weapons. Iran insists it only is interested in nuclear power, which can be created with lower levels of enrichment than the levels necessary for nuclear weapons.

Russia has said it will continue to work with Iran on building its nuclear power program, but says it will ensure that its cooperation cannot contribute to a nuclear weapons program.





# Florida braces for 3rd hurricane in a month

BY HILARY ROXE  
*The Associated Press*

**KEY WEST, Fla.** — In an all-too-familiar drill, Floridians stocked up on emergency supplies and gassed up their cars as Hurricane Ivan threatened the state with its third thrashing in a month. Business owners faced another bad weekend Friday as tourists and residents fled the Florida Keys.

As cars, trucks and trailers flowed north to the mainland, hundreds of thousands of victims of last weekend's Hurricane Frances on Florida's east coast

battled the almost 90-degree heat and high humidity without power. Thousands dealt with overflowing sewers in Palm Beach County.

Fatigued residents put up shutters and boarded windows with plywood ahead of Ivan's predicted arrival sometime Monday in the Keys.

"First it was Charley, then Frances, and it's like 'Oh, please leave us alone. No more storms,'" Ruth Naset said as she closed her family's business on Duval Street, the main drag in downtown Key West.

Throughout the state, long lines reappeared at gas stations.

Officials reassured residents that more than 1,000 tanker trucks were resupplying gas stations that were left dry as Floridians fled Frances last week. Shoppers descended on home building stores and supermarkets to buy supplies, but many found empty shelves.

"I'm thinking of asking someone in New York to buy the generator and ship it down. I'll probably get one faster that way," said Vincent Giscombe, of West Palm Beach, who went to Home Depot stores across South Florida in a fruitless search.

Ivan and its 145 mph winds

killed at least 32 people in Grenada.

The hurricane, a Category 4 on a scale with five as the strongest, could intensify before its core nears Jamaica on Friday night or early Saturday before moving toward the Keys, forecasters said.

Houses and storefronts in the Keys were boarded up ahead of the storm, depriving businesses of the tourism dollars that are the area's lifeblood. Florida's \$50 billion tourism industry is struggling to recover from Charley and Frances, which shut down theme parks and kept visitors away from beaches.

Monroe County officials ordered an evacuation of the entire 100-mile island chain, which barely rise out of the water and are extremely vulnerable to storm surge. For the third time in a month, tourists were told to leave Thursday. For the first time in three years, the chain's 79,000 residents were told to leave Friday, although some said they planned to stay put.

The departures caused sales at Millie's Sundries in Key West to drop from about \$1,500 for a normal morning to \$300, clerk Jose Moya said Friday.

"Charley hit and the season died," said Moya, 27.

## Eisner to quit Disney

LONDON — Walt Disney Co. chief executive Michael Eisner will leave the entertainment giant in 2006 when his contract expires, the company confirmed Friday.

In a letter to the Disney board, dated Thursday and released by the Disney company on Friday, Eisner said: "I plan to retire from my role as Chief Executive Officer of the company upon the conclusion of the term of my employment agreement on Sept. 30, 2006."

## TSA to pay for luggage

**WASHINGTON** — The Transportation Security Administration said Friday that it will pay an average of \$110 each to 15,000 airline passengers who claim their possessions were lost, stolen or damaged when their bags were screened for bombs and weapons.

The TSA began inspecting all checked bags at the end of 2002, a security measure ordered by Congress after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The requirement created a new chain of custody for checked bags that goes from the airline to the TSA back to the airline.

## Rigged envelopes eyed

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Federal and state investigators questioned Nevada prison inmates Friday after at least nine governors around the country and the state's prison chief were sent envelopes that, when opened, would cause a match to flare.

The rigged envelopes were sent to the governors of Montana, Idaho, Nebraska, Washington, Utah, Texas, New York, Oregon and Massachusetts and to Nevada Corrections Director Jackie Crawford.

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# Navy to name 2 ships in memory of 9/11

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Navy announced Thursday it will name two planned ships after the places where two of the planes hijacked on Sept. 11, 2001, crashed.

The USS Arlington will be named for the Virginia county that's home to the Pentagon. The USS Somerset will be named for the county in Pennsylvania where it is believed hijackers deliberately crashed their plane after passengers rose up against them.

The ships are amphibious transport docks, the eighth and ninth of the San Antonio class. Each will have a crew of 363 and will be capable of carrying 699 Marines.

Both the Arlington and Somerset will be built by

Northrop Grumman Ship Systems in New Orleans, the Navy said.

"The courage and heroism of the people aboard those flights, and in the Pentagon, will never be forgotten by the American people, and as these ships engage in combating terrorism, they will leave a legacy that will never be forgotten by those wishing to do harm to this country," said Navy Secretary Gordon England in announcing the names of the vessels.

An earlier ship of the same class was named USS York after the site of the World Trade Center attacks.

Both the Arlington and the Somerset will be the third U.S. naval vessels to bear each name.

Now, every time Ann Ramsaur, on hand for a ceremony following the announcement at the Pentagon, hears about the USS Arlington, she'll think of her mother, Deborah Ramsaur, who worked at the Pentagon and was killed in the attack there.

But that's a good thing, the 10-year Annandale, Va., resident said. She likes thinking of her mother.

For younger brother Brian Ramsaur, 8, the occasion of the announcement just smelled "cool," he said. It was cool that he got to see the ship, cool that it honors his mother (and he knows what that means, he assured), cool that he got to visit the Pentagon.

"Wow, this is so cool," he said pointing to a model of the USS Arlington on display in the Pentagon auditorium.

Stripes reporter Sandra Jontz contributed to this report.

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# Poll: Bush takes solid lead after convention

BY RICHARD MORIN  
AND DAN BALZ

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush emerged from his New York convention with a solid lead over Democratic challenger John Kerry, strengthening his position on virtually every important issue in the campaign and opening up a clear advantage on many of the personal characteristics that influence voters in presidential elections, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News Poll.

For the first time in Post-ABC News poll this year, a majority of likely voters say they plan to vote for Bush. Among those most likely to vote in November, Bush holds a 52 percent to 43 percent lead over Kerry, with independent Ralph Nader receiving 2 percent of the hypothetical vote. Among all registered voters, Bush leads Kerry 50 percent to 44 percent.

Among a smaller sample in 19 battleground states, where strategists believe the election will be de-

cided, Bush holds a narrower lead among likely voters, 50 percent to 46 percent. Among all voters in these states, the two candidates are running even, suggesting that voter turnout will be the key to victory.

The survey highlights the damage to Kerry during August and the Republican National Convention. Bush got a four-point "bounce" in support among likely voters from his convention, about what Kerry received from his convention in July. But in other important ways, the poll suggests that Republicans achieved virtually all their objectives last week in New York, particularly in their goal of making Kerry less acceptable to voters.

What won't be known for another few weeks is whether Bush's gains are transitory, as Kerry's were in the immediate aftermath of his convention. The setback to Kerry has generated concern among Democrats about his candidacy, but four years ago, Bush trailed Al Gore by eight points and later 10 points in tracking polls taken by the Gallup Organization in mid-September

and came back to win the presidency.

In the five weeks since the Democratic convention, Kerry's favorable rating has plunged, after attacks on his Vietnam service from a group of anti-Kerry Vietnam veterans, controversy over Kerry's comments about Iraq and a relentless pounding from the GOP. Kerry's favorable rating fell from 51 percent at beginning of August to 36 percent among registered voters in the new Post-ABC News poll, while his unfavorable rating rose from 32 percent to 42 percent.

Bush's favorable rating rose slightly to 51 percent and his overall approval rating rose another notch to 52 percent. An identical percentage of voters said Bush deserves a second term. Strategists in both campaigns have watched Bush's approval rating closely as an indicator of his re-election prospects. That rating fell below 50 percent in May and has been inching its way back up over the summer.

History suggests that Bush will be formidable in November if his approval rating remains in the low 50s, vulnerable if he is in the 40s.

## On the issues



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### President Bush



"I believe that we must expand individual freedom to participate in elections, and believe that the law should protect the rights of individuals not to have their money spent in support of candidates with whom they disagree. I support the protection of union members and shareholders from in-

voluntary political activities undertaken by their leadership. I believe that 527s engaging in federal election activity should abide by the Federal Election Campaign Act and the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform law — be subject to federal contribution limits and disclosure requirements like all other federal political committees."

### Sen. John Kerry



"Our government should work for all Americans, not just a powerful few. That means we need to make sure that campaign contributions from wealthy interests and lobbyists don't drown out the voices of regular Americans. I'm proud that I was elected to the Senate four times without

taking a dollar of PAC money, and I was one of the earliest supporters of ending soft-money contributions to political parties. I co-sponsored legislation that was even stronger than the McCain-Feingold law that finally brought reform to our campaign finance laws. My approach would have closed the 527 loophole."

AP

# Cheney seeks to clarify statement on terror attack

BY LAURA MECKLER  
The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Vice President Dick Cheney told supporters Friday that democracy is on the way to Iraq, saying the country's prime minister probably will visit the United Nations in New York.

Cheney, in an interview with a newspaper, also explained that a remark he made earlier this week — that "the wrong choice" in November could lead to another terrorist attack — did not mean the United States will be hit again if voters elect Democratic candidate John Kerry.

Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi proba-

bly will come to New York for a U.N. General Assembly meeting, Cheney said, but the visit is "still an open question." Officials are planning elections in Iraq for January.

Sitting down for coffee with a dozen reporters in this swing state, Cheney described upcoming elections in Afghanistan and compared progress there with progress in Iraq.

"They'll have a democratically elected government in place by the end of the year and it's a huge change from what was there just three years ago, when that was the place where al-Qaida launched the attack that killed 3,000 Americans," Cheney said of Afghanistan. "In Iraq, we're attempting

the same basic operation."

Cheney linked U.S. involvement in the two countries, saying the goals are similar, although many argue the justification for war in Afghanistan was stronger than in Iraq.

In an interview published Friday in the Cincinnati Enquirer, explaining that he wanted to "clean up" the controversy he sparked this week, Cheney said the country must brace for a potential terrorist attack no matter who is elected president.

On Tuesday, while campaigning in Iowa, Cheney said: "It's absolutely essential that eight weeks from today, on Nov. 2, we make the right choice, because if we make

the wrong choice then the danger is that we'll get hit again and we'll be hit in a way that will be devastating from the standpoint of the United States."

Electing Democratic candidate John Kerry does not mean the United States will be hit again, Cheney told the Enquirer.

"I did not say if Kerry is elected, we will be hit by a terrorist attack," he said. "Whoever is elected president has to anticipate more attacks. My point was the question before us is: Will we have the most effective policy in place to deal with that threat? George Bush will pursue a more effective policy than John Kerry."

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# NASA finds some intact data from Genesis

BY PAUL FOY

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Optimistic NASA scientists said Friday they have recovered some intact materials from the wreckage of the Genesis space capsule, offering hope that the mission to gather solar atoms and reveal clues to the origin of our solar system could be salvaged.

"We should be able to meet many, if not all, of our science goals," said physicist Roger C. Wiens of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, which designed one of the devices that trapped the solar bits during the 854-day mission.

"We want to try to get out as

much of those [wafers] as we can," he said.

The approximately 350 palm-sized wafers make up the five disks that were open to the solar wind during the mission, collecting atoms from the sun.

The Genesis space capsule crashed while returning to Earth on Wednesday, slamming into the ground at nearly 200 mph after parachutes failed to open. It cracked open like a clamshell, and left an inner canister containing the disks badly damaged.

Scientists have been peering inside the capsule with flashlights and mirrors, finding intact parts. They had feared the wafers shat-

tered like glass in the crash, and many of them did. But they were surprised to find some wafers fully intact, and were characterizing it as good news.

The scientists are now working to get inside the wreckage and pull out the internal canister holding the wafers.

"We're going to be doing some sawing and some snipping" Saturday and Monday, said Don Sevilla, Genesis payload manager for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The scientists have been collecting tools for the job.

Scientists won't touch the most sensitive parts of the inner capsule until they can determine how to clean them without wiping away precious atoms.



From left, Amy Jurewicz and Don Sevilla of NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab and Judy Allton and Eileen Stansbery of Johnson Space Center examine pieces of dirt from the Genesis capsule after it crashed on Wednesday.

## New technology helps scientists probe universe's earliest light

BY ALEXANDRA WITZE

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Every science has its dark moments. Astronomy had one that lasted a few hundred million years. Soon after the universe began, the blackness of the "dark ages" descended upon the cosmos. Only later did stars begin to form, filling the void with pinpricks of light for the first time.

In the past few years, astronomers have pushed further back

into that era of universal dawn, uncovering young galaxies that could be some of the first ever formed.

The era has many names — cosmic "reionization" and cosmic dawn among them. But only one really describes the end of the dark ages and blossoming of a new era.

"Cosmic renaissance is a nice, catchy phrase," says S. George Djorgovski, an astronomer at the California Institute of Technology.

Whatever the name, the end of the cosmic dark ages ushered in

the modern times of the universe — in which clumps of gas form stars, clumps of stars form galaxies, and clumps of galaxies create supercluster clusters stretching across the universe. Understanding how the dark times ended and the light times began could help scientists better understand the origins of everything.

It may be crucial, but it's not simple. Astronomers have a much better idea of what happened in the universe's first few minutes than

of what happened a few hundred million years later, says James Rhoads, an astronomer at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore.

On one hand, data from a satellite — the Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe — suggest that the fog had started to lift substantially by about 200 million years after the big bang. On the other hand, observations of superbright, faraway objects called quasars suggest that the dawn didn't happen

until about 1 billion years after the big bang. Astronomers are trying to reconcile these findings.

One solution, argues Zoltan Haiman of Columbia University, is that both may be correct. The universe may have gone through two distinct periods of cosmic dawn.

As Haiman sees it, the earliest stars in the universe would have lit up and burned off the fog, but not completely. Those stars would have winked out, requiring a new generation of stars to be born and finish the cosmic dawn for good.



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## Base names use specific plan

After reading the Sept. 3 article "Re-naming of camps in Iraq confusing for air evacuation teams" ("Identity crisis in Iraq Camp changes confuse," Korea edition), one might get the impression that there is no end in sight to the problem.

What the article fails to mention is that the plan being "kicked around" at the 1st Cavalry Division to adopt Arabic names is, in fact, an effort to bring the revolving camp name problem to an end.

As the division chief of plans, I first suggested the idea of renaming the forward operating bases prior to the division's deployment to Iraq, when the planning staff struggled to keep up with FOB names that were changing regularly.

The initial concept was designed to achieve two things: 1) stop the constant re-naming of camps based on the mascots or nicknames of tenant units and 2) use names that espoused the values we were trying to bring to the country (Liberty, Justice, Solidarity), rather than names that were potentially insulting to the local populace (Assassin, Gunslinger).

I believed then, and still believe, that a sign outside the gates of a FOB that says "Camp Freedom reinforces what the First Team is trying to do here, while a sign that says "Camp Outlaw probably does not. We started by trying to pick what some social scientists call "God words," words that by themselves carry such weight as to be almost sacred to a culture — for Americans, words such as liberty, freedom and democracy. We vetted our suggested names with the local populace to ensure that we picked words that were important to them as well, which resulted in the selection of camp names such as Solidarity and Union.

The locals recommended restoring two of the facilities to their pre-war names, Camp Taj and Camp Rustamiyah, because of the cultural importance of those two names. The signs will also bear the names of the fallen soldiers for which they have been previously renamed.

It is inaccurate to say that the plan is to adopt only English transliterations of Arabic names. Camp names that are fact-based, named both with the English and Arabic translation of the name (i.e. Camp Liberty would also be Camp Al-Tahrer). En-

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glish-speakers would use the English name and Arabic speakers would use the Arabic translation and both would be annotated on signs outside the camp. This practice of dual English-Arabic naming is consistent with how we have named operations when those operations have included Iraqi Security Forces.

No, I guess these camp names will not fix the many problems in Iraq. It will not change the way insurgents view us, but perhaps it will change the way the populace views us, and thus change the way they view the insurgency.

If the article's author had spoken to the commander, or other division leadership, this would have been clear, and then, perhaps, the article might have talked about the solution and not just the problem.

MAJ. Eric R. Price

Camp Liberty, Baghdad

## Disrespect for the DCU

Department of the Army Pamphlet DA690-47 Civilian Deployment/Mobilization Camps states that civilians are to wear their uniforms according to AR670-1. The problem is I see it with most of the civilians I am deployed with

have not been in the military, and were never trained how to properly wear their uniforms, or even made aware of their requirement, and upon arrival at Camp Arifjan were told they could go without their hats, etc.

I assure everyone I do not condone this, but I understand both sides. We have rules in place, but until they are enforced, and people are taught how to obey them, what do we do? Bottom line: Disrespect for the uniform is the same as disrespect for the flag and what it stands for.

John D. Wood

Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

## Toe the line, or else

All you so-called "Republican" soldiers out there pay attention: The latest right-wing attack on a combat vet's record has this vet saying "Enough." What is being done to John Kerry is the same thing done to John McCain and Max Cleland — trashing their service with Bush family money and connections, while at the same time pleading innocence.

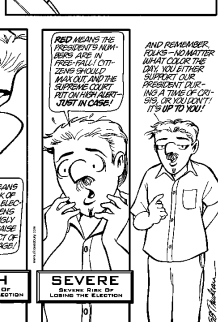
The Republicans talk the talk of being pro-military, until they differ from their political agenda. So you guys and gals remember they love you as long as you speak the party line, which is that President Bush is some great leader, morally perfect, protector of freedom, righter of wrongs, the second coming, etc.

What makes this coming more tragic is it comes from people who for the most part back those who did not serve when they had the chance to do so. President Bush's daddy got him in the National Guard when the Guard was a way out of going to Vietnam. Dick Cheney did not serve. Paul Wolfowitz did not serve. John Ashcroft did not serve. Funny these same "heroes" are the ones who did not hesitate to put your butt on the line for the mythical weapons of mass destruction.

By the way, before I am dismissed as some anti-American liberal whimp: My butt has been in the line of fire in the uniform of my country. So has my father's in Vietnam, my brothers' in the Gulf War and Iraq, and my son's 15 months in the Sunni Triangle. I don't toe the line. Enough's enough. Vote.

Floyd Kizzie Jr.

Wurzburg, Germany





## OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates.

Bush honest on vast terror war  
The Courier, Findlay, Ohio

President Bush created quite a stir when he said Aug. 30 on NBC's "Today" show, "I don't think you can win it" — meaning the war on terrorism.

His political rivals immediately pounced. Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards said, "After months of listening to the Republicans base their campaign on their singular ability to win the war on terrorism, the president now says we can't win the war on terrorism. This is no time to declare defeat."

Well, that's politics. Bush was hardly declaring defeat. He was being both realistic — acknowledging that the scope of this war makes it more a battle to control than to win — and optimistic.

We can't "win" this war militarily — but we have to continue to do all we can to create the conditions that make a real victory possible.

Bush understands this. The Democrats never have. That's why we need to re-elect the president.

One thousand deaths later  
Los Angeles Times

Six U.S. soldiers were killed, two Italian aid workers were kidnapped and warplanes bombed a Sunni enclave in Fallujah, a city mostly off-limits to coalition troops. It was just another day in the war Tuesday, except for the numbers. By (Wednesday) morning, Iraq time, the Associated Press count of casualties stated that 1,000 U.S. troops had been killed in Iraq, more than twice the number of coalition soldiers and thousands of Iraqi noncombatants. And many thousands more have been wounded.

It is an obvious point at which to ask: To what end are U.S. personnel continuing to die? What is it that commanders should tell their troops as they head into lethal streets? Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Tuesday that violence was increasing because insurgents viewed peaceful balloting, set for January, and a democratic constitution as enemies. That conclusion is debatable, perhaps even a smoke screen. What's not in doubt is the insurgents' view of U.S. troops as the enemy. It's a belief that unites adherents of the Sunni branch of Islam, who have forced coalition troops out of much or all of the cities of Fallujah, Ramadi and Samarra, and the Shiite Muslims who fought the Americans in Iraq.

The United States will not win a war of attrition. Such wars do not favor occupying armies. Enclaves off-limits to soldiers give insurgents a staging area.

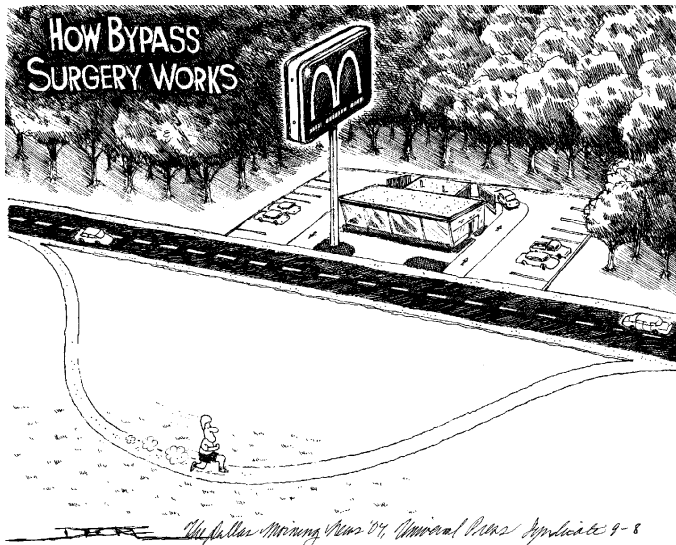
Invading nations have an obligation to try to repair the damage they cause, but armies also need a clearly defined mission. How much are U.S. troops supposed to rebuild? Are they still meant to install democracy? Or will the U.S. settle for any kind of political stability, even if repressive clerics rule the country?

Soldiers and Marines deserve to know, as they head out to face snipers and roadside bombs, what they're meant to accomplish for that price.

Poor plan doomed Abu Ghraib  
The Gazette, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Two recently conducted inquiries into the abuse of prisoners by U.S. military personnel at the Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad drew out briefly what might have been the most shocking policy failure: the neglect of U.S. officials to plan for anything but the most rosy scenario in the wake of Baghdad's capture.

The relevance of all this to the Abu Ghraib prison problem is that in October 2003, the



facility held 7,000 prisoners and had a guard force of only 90 people, many of whom could not speak the languages of the detainees.

The abuses at Abu Ghraib shocked many Americans. What should be more shocking was that so many top officials apparently believed the "caveat" theory. The first false assumption was that almost all Iraqis would be so pleased to be "liberated" that occupation would present no major problems. The second was that the remnants of the old regime would — not resist. The third was a failure to anticipate that occupied Iraq would become a magnet for every jihadist in the region with an itch to kill Americans and other infidels.

Bush administration hawks apparently so believed their own spin that they had no plan B or plan C. U.S. military personnel in Iraq are paying for this failure still.

Clinton still defies odds  
Times Union, Albany, N.Y.

As President Clinton reverts from coronary bypass surgery, we join with millions of Americans who wish him a full and speedy return to good health. But we also wonder, along with many others, how he could have come so close to a severe, even fatal, heart attack — as his doctors say he did — without someone raising a warning flag long ago.

Mr. Clinton always seemed to be in good physical shape, both while in the White House and later in private life. Despite his junk-food diet and cigars, he jogged regularly, and his energy seemed inexhaustible. He exuded youthful robustness that belied his 58 years, and in recent months he appeared in better shape than ever after losing weight on the South Beach diet.

So how is it that when Mr. Clinton checked into New York-Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan, several of his arteries were 90 percent blocked with plaque — as doctors are now saying? Given his history of thorough medical checkups ... why didn't someone notice the warning signs long before [this month]?

If there is a common thread that runs through all of this, it's that of cavalier attitudes — on the part of a patient who too

often brushed aside the potential dangers of his diet and family medical history, and of doctors who should have looked more closely at those dangers as well.

Insurance Is Frances-friendly  
The Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press

As Florida digs itself out from a second major hurricane in less than a month, the state can be thankful for a few things, chief among them the relatively good condition of the state's insurance industry.

Hurricane Frances will no doubt add new billions to the \$7.4 billion in insured losses caused by Charley. But the double whammy should have far less effect on the industry than Hurricane Andrew did in 1992.

Since then, state and industry officials have raised insurance rates significantly to build up reserves, and let companies charge larger deductibles to reduce their exposure. They also created a hurricane catastrophe fund that, in effect, insures the insurers.

The catastrophe fund will still have \$8 billion in cash after providing about \$1 billion to back up claims from Charley. The fund can issue bonds for up to \$9 billion more if needed, placing assessments on policies to cover the cost.

We'll see how things go, but the industry insists it is more than capable of making \$2004's huge payouts. ...

The insurance premium hikes during the past decade-plus have been sharp and painful ... It will all be the worth it if people get good coverage and if they do not have to face an outlandish round of new increases.

That should not be necessary if the industry is as sound as it says it is.

Bryant case rightfully ended  
Denver Rocky Mountain News

So the trial of Kobe Bryant has ended before it even began and the threat of a long prison sentence is now lifted from Bryant's head.

At his press conference, District Attorney Mark Hurlbert's remarks were reserved almost entirely to a self-serving defense of his office and expressions of confidence in the alleged victim. He devoted not one mo-

ment's reflection on the injustice of someone being tagged with an apparently unprovable charge and having his life turned upside down as a result.

In this case, that person happened to be an NBA star with the resources to sustain himself. A similar experience could easily have destroyed many other men. Does Hurlbert have any remorse over his handling of this case? Apparently not.

And meanwhile, of course, Bryant is still facing a civil lawsuit over the matter. ...

In the coming days and weeks, much more criticism likely will be leveled against Colorado's rape shield law, the primary complaint being that it is inadequate to the task of resolving acquaintance rape cases. We expect more bashing, too, of the media. In our view, however, the rape shield law worked as intended, media coverage had nothing to do with the outcome of this case and the prosecution itself was the weakest link.

Lesson: Acts have consequences  
Journal Star, Peoria, Ill.

It's difficult to know quite what to make of the dismissal of basketball superstar Kobe Bryant's criminal court case on an allegation of sexual assault. What is clear is that nobody won here, and that casual sex has its consequences.

Indeed, for a one-night stand that he maintains was consensual, the then-24-year-old Bryant risked his marriage, his health, his liberty, his wealth, his career and his reputation. Though he doesn't have prison hanging over his head now, it's hard to believe that he would say anything about that June 30, 2003, evening at a lodge in Eagle County, Colo. was worth it.

Of course, we'd like to think in America that the scales of justice are equal for all, for prosecution and defense, for accuser and accused. And yet in a case like this, celebrity and wealth skew everything. ... Some unfortunate things happened in and around this case that may have prejudiced the outcome. Knowing that, other rape victims should not be discouraged from coming forward in circumstances that likely will not resemble these. Meanwhile, it's a good idea to try to avoid these potentially tragic situations in the first place, to the extent one is able.

## Tanker accident

**FL** LITTLE TORCH KEY — A tanker truck ran off a highway, down an embankment and into shallow ocean water, leaking fuel and closing the main road through the Florida Keys for several hours.

A half-mile section of U.S. Highway 1 was closed because of the danger posed by the truck's 3,000 gallons of gasoline, Monroe County sheriff's spokesman Greg Artman said.

Traffic backed up on both sides as authorities decided to keep the road closed for about four hours, entirely blocking access to the lower Keys.

A Monroe County sheriff's captain saw a sheen on the water where the truck ended up on its side, and crews set up a floating boom to contain the leak, Artman said.

The driver, whose name was not released, was sent to a hospital with minor injuries.

## A good neighbor

**CO** DENVER — Police congratulated a good Samaritan who climbed a ladder to rescue a neighbor screaming for her life.

Kevin Jackson, 43, an unemployed database administrator, said he went to the woman's rescue because "a lot of guys who are bigger than I am were standing around not doing anything."

Jackson spotted an apparently discarded ladder, propped it against the open second-floor window of the apartment building next to his and hustled up to help the woman, a complete stranger, from a knife-wielding assailant.

The woman, who had tried to barricade herself in her bedroom, fled down the ladder, Jackson said. Her Dalmatian fell off the ladder in its escape, injuring its right front paw.

## Urban cowboys ride bus

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — Ever-est is for winners.

Four young men armed with maps, trail mix, power beverages and great stamina have conquered San Francisco's bus system.

Some said it couldn't be done. Others didn't much care. But in about three days, Gil Hackel, 19, Nate Maas, 20, Trammell Scruggs, 22, and Zhenya Warshavsky, 21, rode the length of every possible line.

That's about 60 routes.

They set no Guinness record, advocated no presidential candidate, raised no money for Third World children. Most bus drivers and passengers were unaware of the feat they were witnessing.

The men said they did it because, like Everest, it was there.

"Do you think anyone's ever done this before?" a sleep-deprived Hackel asked.

## Student falls to death

**NY** NEW YORK — A 23-year-old graduate student at New York University



jumped to her death on campus, the sixth such incident involving an NYU student in the past year.

University spokesman Josh Taylor said the woman, a second-year graduate student at the school of performing and media arts, "died as a result of an apparently intentional fall" from the Tisch School of the Arts.

Police identified her as Joann Mitchell Levy, 23. She lived with her parents nearby in Greenwich Village, police spokeswoman Detective Mindy Diaz said.

The NYU community's "deepest sympathies go out to the student's family and friends," Taylor said.

Five other NYU students have jumped to their deaths in the past year, and the medical examiner ruled four of the deaths as suicides, Taylor said.

The medical examiner ruled one death as accidental, related to the student's use of hallucinogenic mushrooms.

## \$18M food court

**IN** WEST LAFAYETTE — Purdue University has opened a \$18 million freestanding dining court that's open to students, faculty and the public. Eight restaurants are included in the two-story, 62,325-square-foot building that seats up to 800 people.



## Surfin' West Va.

Daniel Wilson, 13, of Huntington, W.Va., surfs in floodwater at Ritter Park in Huntington, W.Va. Severe weather from Hurricane Frances forced water from Four Pole Creek to overflow into Ritter Park, creating large pools of water.

## Less gym

**AZ** PHOENIX — Pressure on schools to score higher on standardized tests has led to a decline in physical education classes in Arizona, educators and health experts say. Less than a quarter of Arizona high school students attend physical education classes daily. Children in elementary schools attend PE class an average of twice a week.

## Mayor gets ovation

**MA** BOSTON — Mayor Thomas Menino received a standing ovation from local union leaders at an annual Labor Day breakfast a year after he was excluded from the same event because of a dispute with the city's police union.

The conflict led to delays in the renovation of the Democratic National Convention site and raised the specter of pickets during the political gathering. The contract dispute was resolved days before the convention began.

## More telecommuting

**CA** ATLANTA — About 1,500 state employees are working from home at least one day a month.

Two years ago, Gov. Sonny Perdue said that by 2005 he wanted 25,000 state workers, or roughly 25 percent of the state government's work force, teleworking monthly.

Budget woes have limited the program lately to include only employees with their own home computers, a spokesman for Perdue said.

## Twisters on upswing

**IA** DES MOINES — Cleanup continued after at least seven tornadoes touched down Sunday night, breaking the record for the number of tornadoes in Iowa in one year. The tornadoes damaged trees, power poles and farm buildings, but no injuries or deaths were reported. The National Weather Service counted as many as 115 twisters in Iowa this year. The previous record was 105.

## Thrift stores shutting

**OR** PORTLAND — The Saint Vincent de Paul Society began a \$900,000 campaign. The society closed all six of its thrift stores in the past month. The agency's director said it needs a cash infusion before the end of September or it will have to close remaining operations that include a food bank and financial assistance programs.

## Shorter semester

**KY** BOWLING GREEN — Western Kentucky University plans an abbreviated January term starting in 2006 to give students another way to complete course requirements. The new term will feature mainly field courses, online courses, special certificate programs, some make-up courses and other selected offerings. The fall and spring semesters, now 16 weeks long, will be reduced to 15 weeks.



**Rain, rain, go away** Adjunct professor Surya Srinivasan of Monroe Township, N.J., uses a plastic bag to try to stay dry as she walks through the parking lot into Raritan Valley Community College in Branchburg Township, N.J.



**Spiny creature** A saddleback caterpillar chews a leaf of a Eucalyptus tree in an herb garden in Birmingham, Ala. Identified by a purplish saddle with a bright green blanket around it and prickly horns, the inch long caterpillars are pretty to look at but the hairs are hollow and connected to poison glands.



**Selling sunshine** Sydney Shaw gathers sunflowers to give to a customer at the Farmers Market in Oxford, Miss.



**Refreshing spray**  
in San Francisco.

Kyra, a peregrine falcon, is cooled off with some water mist by education specialist Jessie Bushell, left, on a hot, sunny day at the San Francisco Zoo



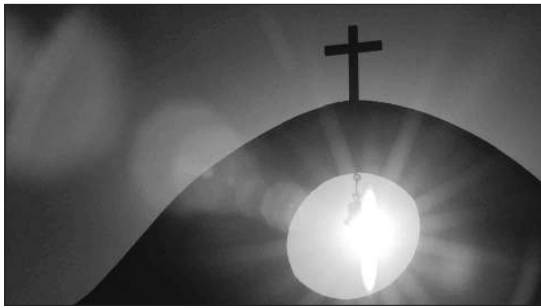
**Romantic moment**

Zack Davenport, 19, left, holds his girlfriend, Sumire Kimura, 18, in front of a water spout at Young Park in Las Cruces, N.M.



**Martian madness**

Maresa Searls, 6, wears a Martian outfit as her father, Matt Searls, carries her during the children's parade before the start of the main Labor Day parade in Holsington, Kan.



**Sacred sunset**

The setting sun descends behind the facade of the Iglesia Bautista Central in McAllen, Texas.

## Man rescued from gorge

**VT** RICHMOND — A disabled man was rescued after falling into Huntington Gorge.

Mark Dessert, 51, of Pennsylvania suffers from multiple sclerosis and is hearing impaired. Witnesses said he was taking photographs at the gorge when he fell about 40 feet off a cliff into the water, WCAX-TV reported.

Dessert was able to cling to a rock until rescue crews arrived. They pulled him from the water about an hour later and treated him for minor injuries.

## Official sues opponent

**FL** MIAMI — Rep. Alcee Hastings sued his vanquished rival in the Democratic primary, asserting that his opponent used his weekly newspaper to launch libelous attacks against him.

Hastings said in a lawsuit that Keith Clayborne, publisher of The Broward Times, a Fort Lauderdale-based newspaper, had accused him of bribery, conspiracy, disrespect for the public trust, and showing leniency toward drug traffickers while serving on the federal bench.

The lawsuit, filed in Broward County, seeks more than \$50,000 in damages. It includes excerpts from a column Clayborne wrote in the newspaper's May 28-June 3, 2004, edition that refer to charges of bribery made against Hastings two decades ago when he was a federal judge. Hastings was charged in an FBI bribery sting but acquitted by a federal jury in 1983.

## Monorail closed again

**NV** LAS VEGAS — The Las Vegas monorail was closed one day after it reopened when a piece of a train's undercarriage fell off and landed in a busy street.

No one was injured when a slip disk came loose and fell about 25 feet to the pavement, monorail spokesman Todd Walker said. The 6-inch disk weighing one to two pounds first struck a power rail, causing electrical arcing but no serious damage to the track. The monorail had reopened after being closed for six days following an incident in which a 60-pound wheel fell off one of the trains.

## Immigrant school planned

**TX** HOUSTON — Houston school officials have proposed a school designed specifically for immigrants, including flexible yearlong schedules, accelerated credit programs and weekend classes. "Many of these students walk into our high schools and know little or no English," interim Houston superintendent Abe Saavedra said at Lee High School, where students from 70 countries speak 42 languages.

The proposed school, which will be voted on by the Houston Independent School District's board.

## Cockfighting banned

**HI** WAILUKU — Cockfighting is not a native Hawaiian cultural practice protected by the state constitution, a judge ruled in rejecting a lawsuit filed

by two Maui men.

The lawsuit, filed in May against the state and Maui County, contended that cockfighting should be legal because native Hawaiian ancestors engaged in it. Daniel Lealoha Kahaikupuna and Frederick Ponce argued that the state constitution protects native Hawaiian traditions and practices, and cockfighting should be included.

Deputy Corporation Counsel Jane Lovell, in arguing to have the suit dismissed, said cockfighting has been illegal since at least 1884, during the reign of King David Kalakaua.

## Man sells skull on eBay

**CA** HUNTINGTON BEACH — Youthful indiscretion and the power of eBay have landed a man in hot water with the feds.

Thirty-five years ago, Jerry David Hasson, 55, found a prehistoric skull in the sands of Hawaii; today he faces up to five years in prison and a possible \$250,000 fine for allegedly violating the federal Archaeological Resources Protection Act by selling the skull on eBay.

Hasson's high bidder turned out to be John Fryar, a special agent with the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Hasson is expected to be arraigned.

## Tribes' claims dispute

**CO** DENVER — Two Oklahoma Indian tribes that are offering to drop their claim to 27 million acres in Colorado in exchange for approval to build a casino near Denver don't have a valid claim to those lands, Gov. Bill Owens said.

Owens, at a staff briefing for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C., said Interior Department lawyers and the state attorney general determined that the Cheyenne and Arapaho claim, which covers much of the northeastern corner of Colorado including Denver and Colorado Springs, was resolved 40 years ago.

Owens said Congress in 1991 ratified an agreement in which the tribes exchanged their Colorado lands for their reservation in Oklahoma.

He also said the Indian Claims Commission in 1965 paid \$15 million to settle further tribal land claims.

## Father gets probation

**NJ** CAMDEN — A postal worker was sentenced to a year of probation for causing the deaths of his two young sons by leaving them in the back of his sport-utility vehicle in mid-day heat.

Authorities said Derrick Strothers, 39, dropped off his wife at her job, then headed to the East Orange post office where he worked.

His sons — Derrick Jr., 2, and Dylan, 1 — were left strapped in their car seats in the SUV with the windows closed for about 2½ hours.

The U.S. Attorney's Office took over the case because the children died on federal property.

Stories and photos from wire services

# Sasebo teenager gets into the fold

## Childhood gift propels King High senior to become origami master

BY GREG TYLER  
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Scott Macri was 7 when his dad, stationed in Japan at the time, mailed him an introductory-level book about Japanese origami.

It was on a whim. A keepsake. A birthday gift that was "just something from Japan."

Like most American 7-year-olds, Scott could not speak Japanese and certainly did not read the language. However, diagrams showed the youngster how to fold paper into recognizable shapes of birds and other animals. He worked through that book, making each origami project contained in the pages.

Cmdr. Paul Macri, officer in charge of Sasebo's Ship Repair Facility, returned to the United States and learned his son had an acuity for origami. Then came another assignment to Japan, and the U.S. Navy officer sent Scott more origami books on birthdays, Christmas, other holidays and just for the heck of it. Then Macri sent boxes of special Japanese origami papers, and more books and more papers.

Young Scott, now 18, folded and creased his way through the books' diagrams, making intricate paper objects while developing great dexterity, concentration and patience.

A few years ago Macri was assigned to Japan again — this time in Sasebo. He brought his family on this tour, and now Scott is in his third year at Ernest J. King High School, where he's class president.

When he was 7 and I first saw what he could do I was impressed, and amazed at how quickly he learned," Scott's father said.

"It's important to be well-rounded, and it's made me really proud to see him go from step to step towards more complex items, and he appreciates the tie-in with



Origami master Scott Macri, 18, made the paper rose and stem held behind his ear.

math, because there is a lot of math involved here," Macri added.

The self-taught teenager now is an internationally recognized origami innovator. He was invited as an instructor at the Origami Tanteidan 10th Annual International Origami Convention in Tokyo last month, along with hundreds of origami enthusiasts from Holland, Spain, England, France, New Zealand, the United States and, of course, Japan.

And he still doesn't speak or read Japanese.

"A lot of people think I got started because I live in Japan, but in origami there are a lot of symbols used and if you figure out what they are telling you to do, you don't have to know a lot of language," Scott said Friday between classes.

He was invited to be the guest instructor for the international convention planned in Spain next year. He is a member of the Japan Origami Association Society, the British Origami Society, USA Origami and Parajuta (Spanish Origami Society).



PHOTOS BY GREG TYLER/Stars and Stripes

At left is a fly, and the other two figures are origami designs of alien creatures by origami master Scott Macri, a senior at Ernest J. King High School at Sasebo Naval Base. Macri started making various folded paper figures at age 7, when his father, Cmdr. Paul Macri, gave him his first basic origami instructional book.

Scott designed patterns for folding single sheets of origami paper into insects that include such detail as the cilia on legs, wings and antennae, and does so without snipping or cutting with scissors, using additional paper or adhesives of any sort. It starts with a square piece of paper and becomes something entirely different and intricate.

"I wouldn't say any one of them was the greatest challenge, because once you've done it and figured out how, it's not a challenge anymore," Scott said.

"But this fly I folded, the green one here," he said. "Do you see the abdomen there, and all the detail? Well, that was a challenge for me."

Part of the magic is in the different kinds of paper. Some is very

light and tissue-like, some is about the same as paper used in an office copier and there's even "what they call foil-backed paper, which helps to hold a shape a little better," Scott said.

Most of his designs would fit in the palm of your hand. "I really prefer working with the smaller pieces that start out about an inch by an inch, and I have to use toothpicks to hold folds in place. I always have toothpicks in my pockets," he said, pulling about a dozen from his jeans pockets.

"But the purists use absolutely nothing and never cut the paper. Everything you see here is [from] one piece of paper," he said, gesturing toward the tabletop full of origami pieces he's made.

Many origami masters attended

the event in Tokyo as part of a discussion panel, including David Brill, Tom Hull and Eric Joisel. Besides lectures, the other way the JOAS members share knowledge and techniques is through classes in which traditional models are taught, or their creators teach new designs.

Scott submitted three original designs for peer review. These three original designs are now registered in the JOAS.

His most recent design, "Jet Fighter," was chosen for display, and he was invited to teach a class at the convention on how it is made.

After high school, Scott would like to move to a bigger form for his creativity — he plans a career in architecture.

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## Rolling along



MARK J. REBILAS/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Flight deck personnel team up Wednesday to transport an engine skid holding a GE-F-110 Turbofan engine across the flight deck of the USS John C. Stennis during a no-fly day on the South China Sea. The Stennis with Carrier Air Wing 14 is on a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific Ocean.

## Californian lunch buffet

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Yokota Enlisted Club's California State Admission Day lunch buffet has been rescheduled for Sept. 23 because of next week's Operational Readiness Exercise, 374th Services Division officials said.

Club members who are California residents can get the Italian lunch buffet free that day.

## AAFS retirees discount

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is honoring retired Yokota servicemembers Sept. 17 to 19 with a special sale and ceremony as part of its "Still Serving ... with Many Thanks" campaign.

On Friday, Yokota Middle School will host a cake-cutting ceremony at 12:30 p.m. featuring the oldest retiree. All former servicemembers receive a free gift bag.

The sales event takes place all weekend at the base exchange, where retirees who show their ID cards at the register receive a coupon for 15 percent off any item up to

\$150, said Sgt. 1st Class Amanda Glenn, a spokeswoman at the AAFES Pacific Region headquarters on Okinawa. There will be other special discounts throughout the store.

Call Yokota sales and merchandise manager Anna Ioseto at DSN 227-7419 for more information.

## Yokota Honor Guard

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Yokota Honor Guard will conduct a training seminar Sept. 27 to Oct. 1 in the Tower 2000 room, base officials said. The meeting times are 5 to 6 p.m. each day.

Call DSN 225-9600 for more information.

## Preschool parents event

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Mothers of Preschoolers group will gather Sept. 21 from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. in Yokota's main chapel. All mothers of children up to kindergarten age are invited to attend.

Call DSN 227-2478 for more information.

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## YOUR MONEY

## Know who you're turning to for funds advice

Susie Besaw, from the book *"The Savvy Sailor's Spouse,"* is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband, Jake's, new command. Last week Jake talked about conflicts of interest.

Now the mutual funds they discussed last night are really expensive and are called contractual mutual funds — or an agreement to invest a certain amount of your money every month for the next 10 or 20 years into one specific mutual fund. As soon as you put your savings into them, you are required to pay all of the salesman's monthly commissions for the next 10 or 20 years up front, resulting in a 50 percent first year sales commission. It's the same as losing half of your first years savings! This 50 percent loss is just to com-

pensate the salesman for recommending the mutual fund to you — not to help the professional who is investing your savings.

"Even worse, if you want to diversify or cash out of the contractual mutual fund for whatever reason before your 10 or 20 years are up, too bad. Your advance commission is gone.

"In contrast, no-load mutual funds charge zero sales commissions even and invest in the same investments in similar fund types as contractual mutual funds. No-loads allow you to put all of your money in any combination of mutual funds, you can take out your money when you need it, and you get to invest all of your savings that you invest in the first year — not half."

"Why ever buy a mutual fund with a

load then?" Maggie asked.

"It's just one of many ways for investment professionals to make a living."

Jake replied. "Another option for savers who don't have the time to do their own research but don't want to buy load mutual funds is to pay an hourly fee to a licensed adviser for investment advice.

"OK, if you ever need an adviser, my senior officer chief said to make sure the adviser has been in business for at least 10 years in order for them to see both good times and bad. They also need to recommend more than just one mutual fund.

"Go to the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) Web site at: [www.nasd.org](http://www.nasd.org) to find out if there have been any complaints against the adviser. Use only advisers that have the CFP, or Certified Financial Planner, designation.

These designations show that the advisor has significant experience and has completed a rigorous standard exam to prove their financial planning competence.

"You can check CFPs out even more at the CFP Board of Standards Web site [www.cfp.com](http://www.cfp.com) and adviser recommendations from family and close friends are also helpful."

Next week Jakes talks about life insurance.

Copies of Ralph Nelson's books — *"The Savvy Sailor"* and *"The Savvy Naval Officer"* — can be purchased by writing to: Master Plan Inc., 500 N. Washington St., P.O. Box 10071, Rockville, MD 20869 or online at [www.savvyonweb.com](http://www.savvyonweb.com). This article is written and the book is sold with the understanding that neither the author nor Stars and Stripes are professional financial advisers. If you need advice, please seek professional assistance. The author specifically disclaims any liability, loss or risk — personal or otherwise — incurred as a consequence, directly or indirectly, of using or applying any of the information contained in this article or the book. E-mail for feedback is: [finance@stripes.com](mailto:finance@stripes.com)

## Money U.



Ralph Nelson

## Would you like fries with that visa plan?

## Employers manipulate the foreign education program and exchange students to import cheap labor

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Voicu Bogdan came to the United States two years ago thinking he had signed up for management training that would launch him on a career in tourism at home in Romania.

Instead, the college graduate cooked burgers and swabbed floors for \$7 an hour at a Wendy's in Paoli, Pa. He said he sometimes worked more than 50 hours a week without overtime pay.

The State Department forbids using the cultural and educational exchange program that brought Bogdan here purely to import workers.

But, that is what he and three others say has happened at six Wendy's restaurants in Chester County, Pa.

The franchise owner — Exton, Pa.—based Starboard Group — denies the allegation, calling the newcomers behind its fast-food counters "international students" who get hands-on training in business. The Cultural Exchange Network, the company that sponsored them for a fee of \$700 each, also denies doing anything improper.

The workers' complaints point to a chink in a federal program that last year brought more than 200,000 au pairs, camp counselors, teachers and other foreign citizens to the United States under J-1 visas.

Both pro- and anti-immigration groups say employers increasing-

ly abuse the gray areas of the Exchange Visitor Program to circumvent prevailing wage and other labor laws. The program has ballooned in recent years, and it has no cap.

"The J-1 provides a fig leaf for what's going on in many cases," said Jessica Gaghan, a policy analyst for the Center for Immigration Studies, a Washington group that supports restricting immigration.

"It really is more often about access to a very low-cost pool of labor than it is about any promotion of U.S. culture."

In recent years, some J-1 participants have complained to the State Department of being brought to the United States to sell produce from roadside

stands in Maryland, dig ditches as construction workers in Louisiana and clean hotel rooms in Vermont.

At the Chester County Wendy's stores, four former and current employees on J-1 visas said their tasks were menial and that the only hope they had to rise above fetching Super Value Meals or to become shift supervisors or assistant managers. When they complained, they said, Starboard officials said they could go home.

"They just use us for cheap labor," said Bogdan, 26, who had hoped to gain skills he could use in Romania, which is so eager to develop its tourism industry that it is building a Dracula theme park.

Bogdan and the other trainees earn as much every hour as regu-



Voicu Bogdan, left, and Dezo Kiss, both from Romania, stand in front of Wendy's in West Chester, Pa., on July 24. Both came to the United States through a federal exchange program, which put them to work in the restaurant chain.

lar employees. However, their program calls for a 50-hour week. Two of the trainees said that, with a shortage of managers at the stores now, they often stay even longer than 50 hours.

According to Bogdan's written training plan with Starboard, he was supposed to work for six weeks with the company's accounting firm.

That did not happen, Bogdan said.

It is against J-1 rules for sponsors or companies they work with to stray from structured plans for trainees approved by the State Department. "You can't charge somebody a fee telling them they're going to get trained and bring them over here to do cheap labor," a State Department official said, speaking about the visa

program in general.

Starboard officials said the 20 Eastern Europeans who have worked at this Wendy's store in the last four years received on-the-job training and followed the same path as employees on its management track.

"We're talking mopping floors, do the dishes, clean the grills," said Bob Zoeller, the franchise's chief executive officer. "It's important for management people to see what crew people are doing."

"When you come, you're going to do everything a crew person does. This isn't a sit-down job."

When asked the difference between J-1 trainees and employees on the management track, Zoeller said: "Nothing. ... They're paid the same salaries."

According to State Department guidelines, sponsors such as the Cultural Exchange Network, or CENET, must monitor the safety and well-being of the foreigners they bring into the United States. They must also check that third-party groups that sponsors sometimes use follow the training plans approved by the U.S. government.

There have been other indications of problems with programs sponsored by CENET, a Missouri-based nonprofit that last year brought about 350 people into the United States. In all, about 1,500 J-1 sponsors are approved by the State Department.

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# YOUR MONEY

## Fries: Exchange students translate into cheap labor for U.S. companies

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In 2001, a State Department investigation found that CENET and two other sponsors had brought in electrical engineers and electricians under the guise of training them in American electrical methods, but instead put them to work at sometimes unrelated construction tasks at lower wages than U.S. workers. The State Department found new training sites for the foreign workers, but it did not sanction the sponsors.

In the last three years, about 15 sponsors have received letters of reprimand or had the size of their programs cut back, according to the State Department.

None has been eliminated from the Exchange Visitor Program. After its investigation into the construction workers' case, the State Department said it would develop new rules to prevent abuse. The rules are still being written, a spokeswoman said.

One of the construction trainees brought to Pennsylvania through the program fell 15 feet onto a concrete floor while removing lighting fixtures for a Chester County contractor. George Teglas, a Romanian engineer, alleged in a lawsuit against CENET and others

that it failed to watch over his training and safety.

According to the lawsuit — which is scheduled to be tried in January in the Lehigh County, Pa., Court of Common Pleas — Teglas suffered brain damage, required round-the-clock supervision for two years and still has double vision.

CENET Vice President Margaret Popham acknowledged that he had not inspected the Allentown, Pa., building site. "He had not been there that long for us to get to it," she said. "We had every reason to believe that everything was safe."

CENET ultimately cut off ties with USA-IT, the company that farmed out Teglas. "They were not carrying out the training properly at all," Popham said.

Philip Hare, an attorney representing USA-IT in the Teglas case, said the sponsor was responsible for the training and that USA-IT "had no legal obligation" to train the workers.

In the Wendy's case, CENET Vice President Margaret Popham said she was not aware of trainees' complaints. She added that CENET keeps close tabs on the trainees. "We're fairly thorough,"

she said, "trying to ascertain what they came for is being done."

The J-1 trainees interviewed insisted it was not true.

Dezso Kiss, 27, said promised housing close to transportation turned out to be a Pennsylvania motel on Potomac Place from which he walked about three miles to work every day.

He said he confronted the store manager when the expected training in marketing, finance and accounting did not materialize. "I washed dishes and floors, and it's OK," he said. "But after four months? OK, what's next?"

CENET and Starboard said Kiss was complaining because he left the company after holding store receipts over a weekend.

Kiss, in turn, said his bosses retaliated against him because he spoke up about being misled.

He said he complained to CENET that his 18-month internship in management was just a job in fast food, but was told to go home if he didn't like the deal he got. Kiss had already sunk his savings — \$2,500, or a year's salary in Romania — into CENET's fee and plane tickets here. He stayed.

"What can I do?" he asked. "I'm already here four months. I put money in this. I might as well make some money."

## Log your way out of credit dumps

Q: As a result of several hefty and unexpected financial problems, our debts and monthly living expenses were outpacing our income. To keep afloat until we could resolve these problems, we stopped paying our credit card bills on time.

When we got our tax refund this spring, we paid the largest credit card bill in full and negotiated with the other credit card companies to settle the remaining debt for about three-quarters of the balance due.

We feel good about having the debt off of our backs, and happy not to be receiving the nightly phone calls from the credit firms. But we've also paid a serious financial price: Our credit score stinks.

I've read lots of articles about getting or rebuilding credit but haven't seen any about restoring one's financial standing after it has been damaged. Can you offer us any advice on the best ways to get about rebuilding our damaged credit?

A: Yes, but first a few words about the way you handled your financial crisis.

It's not unusual for people to face a number of financial setbacks all at once. You were wise to put off paying your credit cards when money got really tight. It's far more important to make sure you've got a roof over your head, food on your table, a way to get to your job and someone to look after your children so you can work. Too many people pay the wrong bills in a crisis, simply because the credit card companies can make often

(and often are more obnoxious) than the mortgage or auto lender.

As you know, though, your late payments didn't do your credit score good, and neither did those debt settlements. Lenders, and your credit score, don't react well when you pay less than you owe.

The way to repair the damage is first to get your financial house in order.

Next, get a secured credit card — preferably one that's from a company that reports to all three credit bureaus and that converts to a regular credit card after 12 to 18 months of on-time payments.

Getting an installment loan such as an auto loan can help rebuild your credit score fairly rapidly. You'll pay a high rate for this borrowing, though, so if you decide to proceed, make sure you make a sizable down payment so that you'll have enough equity to refinance the loan in a year or two, once your score has improved.

For more on credit mistakes don't have to cost you forever, visit [www.creditmatters.com](http://www.creditmatters.com).

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### Money Talk



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## THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES									
	52-week High	52-week Low	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)
Dow Jones Industrial	10,553.61	9,251.47	10,553.61	9,251.47	10,553.61	9,251.47	10,553.61	9,251.47	10,553.61
S&P 500	3,212.45	2,650.66	3,212.45	2,650.66	3,212.45	2,650.66	3,212.45	2,650.66	3,212.45
Nasdaq Composite	2,835.49	2,415.82	2,835.49	2,415.82	2,835.49	2,415.82	2,835.49	2,415.82	2,835.49
Dow Jones	6,798.12	5,614.48	6,798.12	5,614.48	6,798.12	5,614.48	6,798.12	5,614.48	6,798.12
Nasdaq	1,278.81	980.94	1,278.81	980.94	1,278.81	980.94	1,278.81	980.94	1,278.81
S&P 500	2,453.12	1,754.82	2,453.12	1,754.82	2,453.12	1,754.82	2,453.12	1,754.82	2,453.12
Dow Jones	1,163.23	896.36	1,163.23	896.36	1,163.23	896.36	1,163.23	896.36	1,163.23
S&P 500	518.4	391.09	518.4	391.09	518.4	391.09	518.4	391.09	518.4
Dow Jones	568.18	482.13	568.18	482.13	568.18	482.13	568.18	482.13	568.18
S&P 500	11,717.14	9,595.38	11,717.14	9,595.38	11,717.14	9,595.38	11,717.14	9,595.38	11,717.14

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		
Japanese yen (Sept. 11)	107.90	
South Korean won (Sept. 10)	1,117.00	
British pound	\$1,206	
Commercial rates		
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377	
British pound	\$1,718.81	
Canada (Dollar)	1.2868	
Denmark (Krone)	6.1048	
Egypt (Pound)	7.738	
Euro	\$1,2194	
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.788	
Hungary (Forint)	294.21	
Israel (Shekel)	2.947	
Japan (Yen)	109.57	
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947	
Norway (Krone)	6.5215	
Philippines (Peso)	56.56	
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.75	
Singapore (Dollar)	1.6994	
South Korea (Won)	1,144.98	
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2635	
Taiwan (Dollar)	1.4925	
Turkey (Lira)	1,492.57	
Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For non-currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are inter-bank rates provided for reference only. Buying currency. All figures are foreign dollars to one dollar (except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-euro), and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.		

## KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	Div	FE	PE	Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg
Airbus Technologies	-	14	58.32	-.38	-0.6	-1.8
Boeing	-	17	53.26	-.79	-1.4	-2.9
Lockheed Martin	-	29	47.81	-.11	-0.2	-1.4
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## AM WEEKLY RADIO

### JAPAN — KANTO

**EAGLE 810**  
**Morning (Sun)**  
 7:30 Religious Programming  
 9:00 Eagle 810 Sunday Brunch (Smooth Jazz)  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 American Country Countdown  
 4:00 A Prairie Home Companion  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Focus on the Family  
 6:30 Travel Radio  
 7:00 Dr. Laura  
 8:00 Beale Street Caravan  
 9:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)  
 12:00 2-Rock (Alternative/Mon-Fri)  
 12:00 Sports Overnight America  
 4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation Live (Tue-Fri)  
 4:00 NPR on the Media (Mon)  
 4:00 NPR Living on Earth (Mon)  
**Morning**  
 6:00 Eagle 810 Morning Show (Top 40/Classic Rock)  
 7:00 Paul Harvey News and Commentary  
 7:30 Pacific Report  
 7:24 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story  
 7:38 Eagle 810 News  
 7:30 Zama Commanders' Corner (1st Friday)  
 Yokota Commanders' Corner (2nd & 4th Friday)  
 Yokota/USFJ Chiefs' Corner (3rd Friday)  
 8:00 Retro Cafe (70s, 80s, 90s)  
**Afternoon**  
 12:05 Pacific Report  
 12:07 Paul Harvey News and Commentary  
 12:21 Air Force Radio News  
 12:23 Retro Cafe (70s, 80s, 90s)  
 2:00 Top 40 Music  
 2:00 Pacific Jazz (Top 40/Classic Rock)  
 4:05 Pacific Report  
 4:07 AFN Sportspage  
 4:12 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story  
 4:47 Traffic Jamz (Top 40/Classic Rock)  
**Evening**  
 6:00 from the Bench Live Sports (Wed)  
 7:00 NPR's Morning Edition Live  
 Yokota Commanders' Corner (1st & 3rd Thursday)  
 8:00 Kuss Limbaugh  
 9:00 The Touch (Urban): Mon/County: Tue/Philly Gold (Oldies): Wed/Rock of Ages (Classic Rock): Thu/The Touch (Urban): Fri  
 12:00 2-Rock (Alternative)  
 2:00 Sports Overnight America  
 4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation Live  
**Morning (Sat)**  
 12:00 NPR's All Things Considered LIVE  
 8:05 Car Talk  
 9:00 Kim Komando  
 10:00 Classic Rock  
 12:00 Rick Dees Weekly Top 40  
 2:00 2-Rock (Alternative)  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night  
 7:00 The Touch (Urban)  
 12:00 2-Rock (Alternative)  
 2:00 Sports Overnight America  
 4:00 NPR Contemporary  
**POWER 157S**

**Morning (Sun)**  
 7:30 NPR: All Things Considered  
 8:00 Rush Limbaugh  
 9:00 Parent's Journal  
 10:00 Chevy's Table  
 11:00 Sports Overnight America  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Adult Rock  
 4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)  
 7:00 Hot AC  
 10:00 The Touch (Urban)  
 12:00 The Touch (Urban)  
 3:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)  
 6:00 Morning Air Strike  
 3:00 Paul Harvey News  
 7:10 Horoscope  
 7:15 Worldwide Radio News  
 8:30 Best of the Story  
 8:35 David Letterman/Leno  
 9:00 Country Call Up  
 10:00 Bright AC/GoldenOldies (Fri)  
 11:00 Ninja Assault  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 2-Rock/Golden Oldies (Fri)  
 2:00 The Afterburner  
 2:34 Inside Iwaki Radio News  
 2:14 Best of the Story  
 2:36 Pacific Report  
 3:30 Paul Harvey News  
 4:00 AFN Sportspage  
 4:00 Departure Time  
**Evening**  
 6:00 NPR's Fresh Air  
 7:00 The Rock Show (Mon/Old School (Thu)/The Mosh Pit (Fri))  
 12:00 Adult Rock  
 3:00 Country  
**Morning (Sat)**  
 12:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)  
 10:00 Soundbarrier  
**Afternoon**  
 2:00 Rick Dees' Weekly Top 40  
**Evening**  
 6:00 NPR's All Things Considered  
 7:00 The Jim Rome Show  
 8:00 The Touch  
 12:00 2-Rock  
 5:00 Hot Jazz

### JAPAN — MISAWA

**THE EDGE — AM 157S**  
 12:00 2-Rock  
 12:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation LIVE  
 4:00 Hot AC  
 6:00 Sam Donaldson  
 7:00 Religious  
 9:00 Oldies  
 10:00 Hot AC  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 AC Country  
 4:00 Adult Rock  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Prairie Home  
 8:00 Hot AC  
**Morning (Mon-Thu)**  
 12:00 2-Rock  
 2:00 Classic Rock  
 4:00 Sports Overnight America

5:00 Rush Limbaugh  
 7:00 Top 40  
 9:00 Hot AC  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Classic Rock  
 3:00 Edge Afternoon Radio  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Country  
 8:00 R&B  
 12:00 Rick AC  
**Morning (Fri)**  
 12:00 2-Rock  
 2:00 Classic Rock  
 4:00 Sports Overnight America  
 5:00 Rush Limbaugh  
 6:00 Matt in the Morning  
 9:00 Fastback  
 11:00 Hot AC  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Classic Rock  
 1:00 Inside The Line  
 2:00 That Country Show  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Classic Rock  
 8:00 R&B  
 10:00 Hot AC  
**Morning (Sat)**  
 12:00 2-Rock  
 2:00 Classic Rock  
 4:00 Car Talk  
 6:00 Oldies  
 8:00 Car Talk  
 9:00 Saturday Retro  
**Evening**  
 12:00 Rick Dees  
 3:00 Nuestra Musica  
 5:00 Kim Komando  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Prairie Home  
 7:00 2-Rock  
 9:00 Hot AC

### JAPAN — SASEBO

**THUNDER RADIO 157S**  
**Morning (Sunday)**  
 12:00 Top 40  
 12:00 2-Rock  
 7:00 Religious Programming  
 4:00 Soft Hits  
 10:30 The Environmental Show  
 10:30 Xraya Traveler  
 10:00 Top 40  
 12:00 American Country Countdown  
**Morning (Sun)**  
 12:00 2-Rock  
 6:00 Classic Rock  
 9:00 2-Rock  
**Morning (Mon-Fri)**  
 3:00 Oldies  
 6:00 Rush Limbaugh  
 6:00 Morning Drive  
 12:00 Country  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 "The Jam" with Nikki V. (Mon, Wed and Fri)  
 12:00 Urban Music (Tue and Thu)  
 3:00 "The Rush"  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Classic Rock  
 9:00 Top 40

**Morning (Saturday)**  
 6:00 Sports Overnight America  
 4:00 Classic Rock  
 7:00 All Things Considered  
 8:30 Best of Our Knowledge  
 9:00 Oldies  
 10:00 Car Talk  
 11:00 Top 40 Show (live)  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Rick Dees American Top 40  
 4:00 Nuestra Musica  
 5:00 Country  
**Evening**  
 8:00 Urban

### KOREA

**Thunder AM**  
**Morning (Sun)**  
 12:00 Country  
 5:00 NPR Weekly Edition  
 7:00 Bright Adult Contemporary  
 10:00 Nuestra Musica  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Oldies Radio  
 4:00 Sports Overnight America  
**Evening**  
 6:00 NPR Car Talk  
 7:00 Prairie Home Companion  
 8:00 NPR Weekend Edition Sunday  
 11:00 Country  
**Morning (Mon)**  
 12:00 Country  
 5:00 NPR  
 7:00 This Week with Sam & Cokie  
 8:00 Oldies Radio  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 News Report  
 12:35 News & Views  
 1:00 Dr. Laura  
 2:00 Country  
 5:00 Jim Rome Show  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Evening Report  
 6:35 Sports Byline  
 8:00 NPR's Morning Edition  
 10:00 Country  
**Morning (Tue-Fri)**  
 12:00 Country  
 1:00 NPR  
 7:00 Morning Report  
 7:30 NPR Market Place  
 8:00 Oldies Radio  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Country  
 12:35 News & Views  
 1:00 Dr. Laura  
 2:00 Country  
 5:00 Jim Rome Show  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Evening Report  
 6:35 Sports Byline  
 7:00 Rush Limbaugh  
 8:00 NPR's Morning Edition  
**Morning (Sat)**  
 12:00 Country  
 5:00 NPR All Things Considered  
 7:00 Oldies Radio  
**Afternoon**

12:00 Country  
 4:00 Sports Overnight America  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Country  
 7:00 Rush Limbaugh  
 8:00 Country  
 9:00 National Public Radio

### OKINAWA

**SURF 648 AM**  
**Morning (Sunday)**  
 6:00 Adult Rock (cont.)  
**Afternoon**  
 2:00 Sports Overnight America (live)  
 4:00 Adult Rock  
 7:00 Ben Maller & Jason Smith — Sports (live)  
 8:00 Adult Rock  
 12:00 Ben Maller & Jason Smith — Sports (live)  
**Morning (Mon)**  
 6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)  
 8:00 Adult Rock  
 11:00 Jim Lamney (live) Sports  
**Afternoon**  
 12:30 Sports Scholander  
 1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded)  
 2:00 Adult Rock  
 4:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (recorded)  
 5:00 The Sam Donaldson Show (recorded)  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Sports Overnight America  
 7:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)  
 11:00 Country  
 1:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (live)  
 2:00 Country  
**Morning (Tue-Thu)**  
 6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)  
 8:00 Adult Rock  
 11:00 FOX Sports  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded)  
 1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded)  
 2:00 Adult Rock  
 4:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (recorded)  
 5:00 Sports Overnight America  
**Evening**  
 6:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)  
 11:00 Country (live)  
**Morning (Fri)**  
 6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)  
 8:00 Country  
 11:00 FOX Sports  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded)  
 1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded)  
 1:45 Paul Harvey  
 2:00 Country  
 4:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (recorded)  
 5:00 Sports Overnight America  
**Evening**  
 6:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)  
 11:00 Country (live)  
**Morning (Sat)**  
 8:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)  
 10:00 Adult Rock  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded)  
 1:00 Adult Rock  
 3:00 Sports Overnight America (live)  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Classic Rock  
 (Note: The schedule is subject to change due to sports schedules.)

## FM WEEKLY RADIO

### JAPAN — YOKOTA

**FM CABLE Radio Services (On Request)**  
**2-Rock (Alternative)** 90.3 FM  
**Eagle 810 (Variety)** 90.7 FM  
**National Public Radio (News, Talk)** 91.3 FM  
**Bright AC (Pop)** 91.7 FM  
**Adult Rock (Classic Rock)** 92.3 FM  
**The Touch (Urban)** 92.7 FM  
**Country** 93.3 FM  
**Pure Gold (Oldies)** 93.7 FM  
**Hot AC (Today's Hits)** 94.3 FM  
**National Public Radio**  
**Morning (Sun)**  
 6:00 Weekend All Things Considered  
 8:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network  
**Afternoon**  
 6:00 Morning Edition  
 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered  
 2:00 Fresh Air Weekend  
 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network  
**Evening**  
 11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in)  
 12:00 The Connection (call in)  
 1:00 Fresh Air  
 2:00 Wait, Wait! Don't Tell Me  
 3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in)  
 5:00 All Things Considered  
**Morning (Tue-Fri)**  
 7:00 The World  
 8:00 Marketplace  
 8:30 Says You (Tue/Latino USA) (Wed Living on Earth) (Thu/Uncommon Knowledge (Fri) Rewind (Sat)  
 9:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network  
**Afternoon**  
 6:00 All Things Considered  
 9:00 Bright Adult Contemporary  
 6:00 Morning Edition  
 11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in)  
 12:00 The Connection (call in)  
 1:00 Fresh Air  
 2:00 Wait, Wait! Don't Tell Me (Tue/Reveals) Says You (Wed) Weekend Knowledge (Fri) Car Talk (Fri) Dialogue/Uncommon Knowledge (Sat)  
 3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in)  
 5:00 All Things Considered  
**Morning (Sat)**  
 7:00 The World  
 8:00 Marketplace  
 8:30 Rewind

9:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network  
**Afternoon**  
 1:00 All Things Considered  
 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network  
 5:00 WFMT Jazz  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Thistle & Shamrock  
 7:00 Weekly Edition  
 8:00 Rewind  
 8:30 Says You  
 9:00 Weekend Edition Saturday  
 11:00 Car Talk (call in)  
 1:00 Weekend Edition Saturday  
 3:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night  
 5:00 National Press Club

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**Afternoon**  
 1:00 All Things Considered  
 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network  
 5:00 WFMT Jazz  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Thistle & Shamrock  
 7:00 Weekly Edition  
 8:00 Rewind  
 8:30 Says You  
 9:00 Weekend Edition Saturday  
 11:00 Car Talk (call in)  
 1:00 Weekend Edition Saturday  
 3:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night  
 5:00 National Press Club

**Evening**  
 6:00 Adult Rock  
 8:00 Urban Adult Contemporary  
 9:00 Adult Rock  
**Morning (Sat)**  
 12:00 2-Rock  
 5:00 Bright Adult Contemporary  
 8:00 Saturday Morning Wake-up (Korea-wide)  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Bright Adult Contemporary  
 5:00 Country  
 9:00 Adult Rock

### OKINAWA

**FM — WAVE 89.1**  
**Morning (Sun)**  
 12:00 Adult Rock  
 4:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 American Country Countdown  
 4:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)  
**Morning (Mon-Fri)**  
 12:00 Adult Rock  
 5:00 Morning Show (live)  
 9:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)  
**Afternoon**  
 2:00 Adult Show (live)  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)  
 10:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC)  
**Morning (Sat)**  
 12:00 Adult Rock  
 4:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)  
 8:00 Saturday Show (live)  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Rick Dees Weekly Top 40  
 4:00 Adult  
 6:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC)

## AM RADIO SPORTS AND SPECIALS

### OKINAWA

**SUN, SEPT. 12**  
**Morning**  
 4:00 College Football: Michigan Wolverines at Duke Fighting Irish  
 8:00 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series: Chevy Rock & Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway  
**MON, SEPT. 13**  
**Morning**  
 2:00 NFL: Tennessee Titans at Miami Dolphins  
 5:00 NFL: Atlanta Falcons at San Francisco 49ers  
 9:30 NFL: Sunday Night Football — Kickoff Weekend, Kansas City Chiefs at Denver Broncos  
**TUE, SEPT. 14**  
**Morning**  
 10:00 NFL: Monday Night Football — Kickoff Weekend, Green Bay Packers at Carolina Panthers  
**KOREA**  
**SUN, SEPT. 12**  
**Morning**  
 4:00 College Football: Michigan Wolverines at Notre Dame Fighting Irish  
 8:00 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series: Chevy Rock & Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway  
**MON, SEPT. 13**  
**Morning**  
 2:00 NFL: Tennessee Titans at Miami Dolphins  
 5:00 NFL: Atlanta Falcons at San Francisco 49ers  
 9:30 NFL: Sunday Night Football — Kickoff Weekend, Kansas City Chiefs at Denver Broncos  
**TUE, SEPT. 14**  
**Morning**  
 10:00 NFL: Monday Night Football — Kickoff Weekend, Green Bay Packers at Carolina Panthers  
**WED, SEPT. 15**  
 9:00 MLB: Houston Astros at St. Louis Cardinals

## SPECIAL TO STARS AND STRIPES

## Walter Scott's Personality PARADE®

Want the facts? Opinions? Truth? Write Walter Scott, Box 5001, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163-5001. Full name will be used unless otherwise requested. Volume of mail makes personal replies impossible.

**Q** Bob Barker, host of "The Price Is Right," often promotes cat and dog adoption. How many pets does he have? — Suzanne Douglas, Manalapan, N.J.

**A** Barker, 80, lives with a small menagerie of rescued animals. His companions include Dulce, a 14-year-old tabby he found in his driveway, and two rabbits that mysteriously appeared in his back yard. "I tried to find their owner, but no one claimed them," Barker tells us. He recently lost his black Lab, Winston, to kidney failure. No doubt a needy canine will adopt Bob before long.

**Q** You're always knocking Madonna. So how do you explain the huge success of her Re-invention Tour? — Brad Janeway, Raleigh, N.C.

**A** At 46, Madonna has stopped making a spectacle of herself, but she hasn't forgotten how to make a spectacle on stage. When it comes to multimedia effects, no one can match her brilliance.

**Q** If Liz Taylor's marriage to hotel heir Nicky Hilton in 1950 had lasted, how would she be related to Paris Hilton? — Gaitha Shannon, Ruskin, Fla.

**A** Dame Elizabeth, 72, would be Paris' great-aunt.



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Elizabeth Taylor could have been an aunt to the Hiltons.

bigger headlines by dating a popular DJ. Still, it's too soon to write Charlotte off at 18.

**Q** I hear so little about Welsh singer Charlotte Church. What's happened to her? — K.L., Detroit, Mich.

**A** She's been upstaged by a younger phenom — New Zealander Hayley Westenra, 17, who released her first album at 13 and now has a double-platinum classical CD titled "Pure." She'll be on NBC's "American Dreams" next month and PBS in December. As for Charlotte, she had a musical film ("I'll Be There") and a pop tune ("The Opera Song") last year but made

**Q** Is it true that liberal political commentator Al Franken is thinking of running for the Senate from Minnesota? — Brad Westerhoff, Los Angeles, Calif.

**A** Yes. "I probably won't decide until the end of 2005 or the beginning of 2006," says Franken, 53, who grew up in Minnesota. "The deciding factor will be my family, because I'd have less time to spend with them." In the meantime, his best-seller "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them" is now out in paperback, and "The Al Franken Show" is heard daily on Air America Radio.

**Q** Sometimes I think Julia Roberts is the only female star who can open a movie. Hasn't she had any flops? — G. Christopher, Chicago, Ill.

**A** More than she'd like to recall. To name just a few: "Dying Young" (1991), "I Love Trouble" (1994), "Something to Talk About" (1995), "Mary Reilly" (1996), "Michael Collins" (1996), "The Mexican" (2001) and "Full Frontal" (2002).



AP

Julia Roberts has suffered her share of failed flicks.

**Q** Sen. John McCain is seeking a posthumous presidential pardon for Jack Johnson, the first black world heavyweight boxing champ. What's his personal interest? — Craig Hensley, Tucson, Ariz.

**A** McCain, chairman of the Senate committee that oversees boxing, got involved at the request of Ken Burns, who is making a film about the 1908-15 titleholder. "I've been a boxing fan for years," McCain tells us. "Jack Johnson went to jail on a trumped-up charge [abetting prostitution] to punish him for being an African-American in a white man's sport."



AP

The many faces of Viggo: For Mortensen, who starred in "Hidalgo" and played Aragorn in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, acting is only scratching the surface of his talent.

**Q** Is it true that "Lord of the Rings" star Viggo Mortensen has released some CDs? — Lynda Emanuel, Wood-Ridge, N.J.

**A** Yes. The multitasking star (he's also a poet, painter and photographer) has collaborated on several CDs with Guns 'n' Roses guitarist Buckethead. "Please Tomorrow" — with Viggo, 45, on piano, organ, guitar and drums — is due out soon. He also remains a busy actor, with upcoming roles in "A History of Violence" and "Alatriste," to be shot in Spanish. He's fluent — naturally.

**Q** I have a bet going. I say Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis are married. My friend says she's just his girlfriend. Who's right? — Heather J. Lake Matthews, Calif.

**A** Neither of you. The gorgeous French singer-actress-model is more than a girlfriend but, legally speaking, less than a wife. Paradis, 31, has lived monogamously for six years with Depp, 41. They have two children — Lily Rose, 5, and Jack, 2 — and divide their time between a home in the south of France and a \$2.3 million gated mansion in L.A. Depp also bought a Caribbean isle this summer for \$3.5 million.



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Johnny Depp and longtime love Vanessa Paradis share two children and at least three homes.

## FACES 'N' PLACES

### Carmen Electra models the way

Strut aside, Tyra, Carmen Electra is hunting for a few models of her own.

The actress-model will host Bravo's upcoming reality competition "Manhunt: The Search for America's Most Gorgeous Male Model," the cable network announced Wednesday in New York.

"Carmen Electra has just the right mix of energy, magnetism and fun to be the ideal host and guide for the young, novice competitors on 'Manhunt,'" said Bravo President Lauren Zalaznick.

Electra will be flanked by judges Bruce Hulse and Marisa Miller, both professional models themselves. For eight episodes, 15 men will compete in a series of challenges in hopes of snapping up a one-year contract with the IMG modeling agency.

### Couric boosts colon cancer awareness

"Today" show co-host Katie Couric came to New York Fashion Week to make colorectal cancer screening more fashionable.

Couric, speaking on behalf of the Entertainment Industry Foundation's National Colorectal Cancer Research Alliance, said Wednesday that while hemlines go up and down and animal prints go in and out, a woman's body is here to stay.

"You want [your bodies] to look as good on the inside as out," she said at a news conference in the tents at Bryant Park in midtown Manhattan, where many top designers are previewing their spring 2005 collections for retailers, media and fashion fans.

Couric was joined by model Iman, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" star Nia Vardalos and designer Carmen Marc Valvo, himself a colon cancer survivor.

### Grandma inspires new clothing line

— While models strut their way down the catwalk at New York Fashion Week, a new star has announced her "bootylicious" arrival on the fashion scene: Beyoncé.

"The singer and her mother, Tina Knowles, announced Wednesday the birth of their new clothing line, to be called 'The House of Dereon.' The line is named after Beyoncé's grandmother, Agnes Dereon, whose work as a skilled seamstress inspired the two generations of stylish women.

"To me, this is the greatest way to enter into the fashion world," Beyoncé said in a statement. "Inspired by my grandmother, working with my mother and pursuing a dream we have all had for many years — establishing an important fashion company."

The trademark for the line will be "Couture. Kick. Soul." It will be produced by the Knowles' company, Beyond Productions, and is expected to hit stores in fall 2005.

### \$80K to help troubled schools

Hootie and the Blowfish have donated \$80,000 to eight troubled South Carolina school districts.

"The children in our state are our best resource and our most hopeful investment," said lead singer Darius Rucker, a South Carolina native. "From new computers to books for their libraries, we are going to help the students of these school districts get the tools they need to further their education."

The schools have requested the money to go toward classroom items such as computers, overhead projectors, VCRs, tape recorders, maps and globes.

The Grammy-winning group, whose hit songs include "Only Wanna Be With You" and "Hold My Hand," also will help their second annual Hootie and the Blowfish Homegrown Concert on Oct. 8 at the Family Circle Tennis Center in Charleston.

From The Associated Press



From left, Hootie and the Blowfish members Dean Felber, Jim Sonefeld, Mark Bryan and Darius Rucker.



Actor Jet Li poses for a portrait in front of a Rodin sculpture at the Museum of Art in Los Angeles. Li puts aside his Hollywood action career for the Mandarin-language martial arts adventure "Hero," set in ancient China that aims for the audience that made the foreign-film "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" a U.S. hit.

# Jet Li redefines heroism as 'love your enemy'

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jet Li wants to touch your soul before he kicks your butt.

The Hong Kong action star says two many martial-arts movies ignore heart and emotion in favor of vengeance and gore.

He said his latest film to hit U.S. theaters, the Mandarin-language "Hero," is an antidote to other by-the-numbers action movies, an epic story about ancient China that aims to mesmerize moviegoers.

"We make the movements like a dream, more romantic, look pretty and [characters] have respect. It's not like old Hong Kong films — two guys fighting, destroy the table, everything in the room broken and destroyed. Here it's more classic," Li said, clutching a string of Buddhist prayer beads while sitting on an outdoor patio of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art before a recent preview screening.

In "Hero," set circa 200 B.C., Li plays a nameless ranger who receives an audience with the King of Qin, a historical figure who became China's first emperor, oversaw the building of the Great Wall and conquered six other warring states.

A trio of assassins from those regions — Sky, Broken Sword and Snow — have long tried to murder the king, and Li's character is there to relate how he defeated Sky (Donnie Yen) with mystical swordsmanship and used the love between Broken Sword (Tony Leung Chiu-Wai) and Snow (Maggie Cheung) to turn them against each other.

In "Hero," human beings hover over placid mountain lakes, dart toward each other faster than light, clash swords with a thousand marauding soldiers and deflect impossible attacks under a sky blackened by flying arrows.

"We talk about martial arts having three levels," Li said in broken English. "The first level we talk about the physical: Sword on your hand is part of your body. You use like

it's your arm. The second part, you don't [really] have a sword but the sword in your heart. Before the physical contact, maybe you can scare them. Maybe you can use imagination, talking. Make them afraid."

"Third level, the highest level," he added. "You love your enemy."

In other words, mercy is courage. But is that what action film fans want? Li says they do, but Hollywood is too timid to give it to them.

He points to the success of the similarly operating fight film "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," a Mandarin-language drama that debuted in the United States in 2000 and earned nearly \$130 million.

What's more, Li said, is that many action fans already love the movie. The movie debuted in China in 2002, and DVDs of "Hero" have made their way from Asia and Europe to the United States, where the movie is copied and traded.

The 41-year-old actor, who spent two decades as a Hong Kong star before making the transition to Hollywood in 1998's "Lethal Weapon 4," also sees this as a transition for him.

"I made more than 30 movies, most of them commercial action films: Good guy, got a problem, learning martial arts, come back, revenge, kill the bad guy. Lot of that," he said. "I want to find some movies to make that's different."

In "Hero," Li said director Zhang Yimou wanted to explore "what kind of person can become hero" within the framework of fighting, politics, romance and jealousy. Is it the conquering king? The assassins? The killer of the assassins? After having hits with the American "Kiss of the Dragon," "Romeo Must Die" and "The One," Li was advised against forging his usual salary to return to China and star in a Mandarin-language movie.

But he liked the philosophical story, and said the script made him cry twice.

Li hopes that movie and "Hero" will help him put the "artist" back into "martial artist."

## Sunday Horoscope

Happy Grandparents Day! With so much astral activity focused in the sign of Virgo, we'll be thinking of truly helpful and interesting ways to pay homage to our ancestors. Gifts, sentiments and activities that center around creating a better relationship in the future than we had in the past will be the most cherished.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 12).** Generosity comes back to you threefold this year. Soak in all the success and love coming your way — you richly deserve it. A November windfall is connected to family. Couples sell joint property in October or Virgo. Singles find true love in January. Gemini and Libra loves are favored. Start a healthy trend this spring by getting in shape.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You get a good omen early in the day and should take it to heart. Evolving partnerships will be hugely productive. Continue to share your exuberant affection with people who can appreciate it. Tonight: Howl at the moon.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You put yourself in new environments that turn out to be less comfortable than you would have hoped, but make the best of it. When you hang in there, you're bound to meet someone interesting who makes the excursion worthwhile.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Enjoy loved ones, being continually grateful for what they've brought to your life. This might be easier said than done when certain people drive others crazy with their self-centered attitude. Tolerance is the key to happiness.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** There's much to explore, so handle unfinished business early in the day. Family plays an integral role in helping you better yourself — that is, if you accept help. Friends share their good luck with you, too.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You know exactly what you want to offer and exactly what you need. This sets the scene for barter, trade and all kinds of negotiations. The wack-

est trades are the ones you'll be the proudest of.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Double your chances of luck by having backup plans for everything. Someone's idea of fun isn't yours at all. Spend more time with people who "get" you and make you laugh, too — like Leo and Scorpio.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** No one tells you where the opportunities are, but if you keep your eyes open, you'll find they're ripe for the picking. A sudden wave of popularity is featured tonight. You're attractive when you're doing what you enjoy.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Your smoldering appeal magnetizes everyone around. Romantic decisions are easy to make initially, but challenges arise soon after you've stated your final word. Sticking to your choice becomes the hard part.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The best way to get what you want isn't necessarily the first one that comes to mind, so use that wild imagination of yours! Be thankful for a challenge that's right up your alley.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Release past frustration — you're onto something new now, and reflecting on the past only holds you back. Someone wants to get close and might have a weird way of showing it. Be tolerant of people's quirks.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Love conquers all — eventually. But the loving thing to do isn't always the easiest thing to do. Challenge yourself to take the high road in every situation that comes up.

Accept compliments graciously, and they keep coming.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Progress toward your goal with a love mind but a narrow focus. Saying "yes" to too many new obligations will weigh you down. Dancing or fast exercise frees your mind to accept the answers you have been waiting for.

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## Updike brought back 'redux'

Could you explain the meaning and origin of "redux"? I have often read of something being "redux," but have never understood the meaning or known the correct pronunciation of the word.

"Redux" is an adjective meaning "brought back." The word, which rhymes with "sea ducks," comes from Latin "reducere," meaning "to lead back," and has been in use since at least 1660. Usually the adjective is placed after the noun it modifies, as in statements like "For a moment it seemed like the same old nightmare — Martina Reduc, choking up, beating herself." In fact, "redux" can be applied to almost

anything from movie heroes to technological projects to politicians.

Until quite recently, this word was used very rarely, though John Dryden and Anthony Trollope had each included it in the title of a work, and it was absent from most dictionaries. But after John Updike used it in 1971 for "Rabbit Redux," the title of the second in his series of novels about Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom, the word caught on. Modern temporary dictionaries now routinely include it.

This column was prepared by the editors of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition. Readers may send questions to Merriam-Webster's Wordwatch, P.O. Box 281, 47 Federal St., Springfield, Mass. 01102.

## Dialing 911 is faster than driving to hospital in event of emergency

**Dear Abby:** My letter concerns a letter in your column.

It was written by a woman who had suffered a heart attack and was driven to the hospital by her husband.

I have been a paramedic for 18

years. It is important your readers understand that attempting to drive yourself or a loved one to a hospital is a bad idea. The 911 emergency number was put in place to help the sick and injured in a timely manner. Most citizens are not aware of the capabilities of their local emergency medical services agencies.

Today, paramedics bring the emergency room to the patient's home. We are capable of treating chest pain and, in many cases, of diagnosing a heart attack in the patient's living room. This information is relayed directly to the emergency room, where a doctor can assemble a cardiac catheterization team to promptly treat the heart attack when the patient arrives. Not every hospital can provide cardiac catheterization, so we offer the patient a choice to go directly to a properly equipped facility.) In addition, we administer medications immediately.

The biggest delay in receiving

prompt care is delay in calling 911, due to denial. "Time is muscle" is our saying.

The more time you waste, the more heart muscle is damaged. The average person driving someone to a hospital cannot treat the person, and also tends to speed and drive in an unsafe manner. Please instruct your readers, Abby.

— Paul Tocchio, Watervliet, N.Y.

**Dear Paul:** Thank you for the valuable reminder that 911 is for life-threatening emergencies, and the expertise of the technicians can mean the difference between life and death.

**Dear Abby:** My

3-year-old daughter was recently invited to a birthday party for two of her classmates (twins). The party is scheduled for a weeknight from 6 to 8:30 p.m. — the time I have set for bath time, story time and lights out at 8 p.m.

Would I be rude and insensitive if I do not permit my daughter to attend? I don't want to offend the mother, but I don't want to rev my child up with sugary party snacks and activities right before a late bedtime.

— Confused in Texas

**Dear Confused:** Rude and

insensitive? No. Rigid? Yes.

I'm willing to bet that the mother of the twins is a working woman, and the party would be earlier if it was possible. I see no harm in bending the rules or flexing your daughter's schedule once in a while. Of course, you will be going with your daughter to the party, so monitoring what she eats should be a health. Feeding your daughter a healthy meal before the party should ensure that she won't overdo on sugar. I say, let her go.

**Dear Abby:** When my 12-year-old daughter spends the night somewhere other than home, I don't sleep well. When she goes away to camp for a week, I hardly sleep at all. I am not up all night pacing the floor, worrying about her — I just can't sleep.

My sister tells me that this is not normal. Am I abnormal for losing sleep when my daughter is away?

— Sleepless Near Seattle

**Dear Sleepless:** No, you are not abnormal. You are a vigilant parent. Many parents cannot sleep unless they know their children are safe in their own beds and under their own roof.

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## Friend's constant negativity may be rubbing off on child

**Dear Annie:** My dear friend, "Vivian," is zany, funny and irreverent. She loves to gossip.

When we were coworkers, she was my lifeline, and we have continued our friendship through the years. We often socialize during outings with our children.

Lately, I have become rather concerned about Vivian's mouth. Aside from the gossip, there's a lot of negativity in her remarks. My daughter is a young teen and thinks of Vivian as her wacky aunt.

Fortunately, she shows no inclination toward copying Viv's manner of mocking and criticizing. I am, however, very concerned about Vivian's daughter, who is nearly 4.

During our lunch dates, this little girl gets an earful of nasty comments about her uncle's trampy fiancée, the neighbor's stupidity and how horrifically obese her preschool friend is. I know this cannot possibly be healthy.

This rather disdy behavior is one of the things I used to like about Viv. Have I changed? Should I see her only when we are sans kids? Should I assume

she makes similar comments about me behind my back? What do I do?

— All Ears

**Dear All Ears:** You haven't changed, but you have adjusted your behavior to be more circumspect when you are around young children.

Vivian hasn't, and her attitude most definitely will influence her daughter.

Seeing her without the children doesn't guarantee that Vivian isn't doing this at home. Since she is a close friend, you might bring it up next time you aren't you concerned that little Susie will repeat the things you say? She's listening to your every word. And, yes, she's probably talking about you behind your back — but let's assume it is complimentary.

**Dear Annie:** I've been invited to two wedding showers for the same 27-year-old woman who has been living with her fiancé for several years and already has a 2-year-old child with him. Mind you, I've already gone to a baby shower for the same couple.

The bride soon will have a large wedding, with a white formal gown, flower girl, the works. Her mother is planning it all and having the time of her life. I'm happy the couple is choosing to legally marry and give their daughter a two-parent family, but is the word "discretion" absent from today's dictionary? It seems to me they're just greedy for gifts (she invited 75 people to one shower). In the wedding invitation, we were told where we could deposit our money for their benefit. Am I just an old fogey?

— Different Drummer

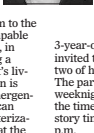
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**Dear Different:** If you are, you have lots of company. No one outside of family and very close friends should be invited to two bridal showers. It's too great a burden. And 75 people is more fund-raiser than shower. We won't get into the lack of class needed to put suggestions about money inside a wedding invitation. We only hope the friendship is worth surviving that level of crassness.

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## RELIGION

## Minister takes pulpit to carnival grounds

BY MATT SEDENSKY

The Associated Press

SEDALIA, Mo. — The Rev. John Vakulskas walks tall among the twinkling lights and twinkling lights, where the scent of cotton candy wafts and the playful cries of children resound. This is his church. These are his parishioners.

For 35 years, Vakulskas has ministered to ride operators and game booth attendants — folks who spend their lives on the road, who raise children expected to follow in their footsteps, called "carriers" by outsiders.

"This business is not for sissies," Vakulskas tells workers at the Missouri State Fair in a late-morning Roman Catholic Mass held steps from the Ferris wheel and colorful stands offering corn dogs and snow cones. "This business is very important, because we're bringing entertainment to God's families."

Vakulskas had just been ordained in 1969 when the wife of a carnival owner phoned him. Her husband was seriously ill; she needed a priest.

The man survived and helped convince Vakulskas he should more regularly serve the needs of carnival workers. He agreed.

"I call it my traveling parish," said Vakulskas, 60, whose "day job" is being pastor at two Iowa churches.

Vakulskas has Catholic counterparts elsewhere in the world who will gather this December in Rome for the Seventh International Congress of the Pastoral Care of Circus and Traveling Show People.

The church's carnival outreach is overseen by the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, the same office in charge of ministries to pilots and truck drivers and seafarers.

But Vakulskas is the only member of the clergy with a permanent ministry to carnival workers in this country, according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He's working to get priests to help out when a fair comes to their town and will give the pope a paper on the subject when he visits Rome.

Vakulskas' job is eccumenical. He wears a stole embroidered not only with a carousel horse and a Ferris wheel, but also with a Star of David. About 30 percent of carnival workers are Catholic, but Vakulskas ministers to them regardless of their faith.

"Sometimes we just want to give up because the hours are so long and the work is so hard," said Tanya Ledet, 28, a carnival worker from Natchez, Miss. "He just brings out the best in us. He gives us the uplifting that everybody needs and makes us feel important."



Rev. John Vakulskas leads a group of carnival workers in prayer as he says Mass at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia, Mo. Vakulskas has traveled the country to minister to carnival workers for 35 years.

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# Christian pop group urges voters to 'choose'



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Members of the contemporary Christian group Point of Grace are, from left: Heather Payne, Leigh Cappillino, Shelley Breen and Denise Jones. Their new CD "I Choose You" will be released Oct. 12.

BY BRIAN BOWERS  
*Stars and Stripes*

The Christian pop quartet Point of Grace has settled on a theme for the fall: "I Choose You."

"As believers, we have an incredible choice between worshipping God or the world," singer Heather Payne said.

But with the release of the CD "I Choose You" still a month away, the members of Point of Grace have decided to give the phrase a different spin and start applying it a little early.

"We are trying to tie that in to the election," Payne said.

As a result, they've joined the Redeem the Vote effort by Christian artists to boost voter registration. The nonpartisan effort aims to "educate young people on why it's important to vote and what the issues are," Payne said.

The group's Web site — [www.redeemthevote.com](http://www.redeemthevote.com) — lists 40 participating artists and groups, ranging from rapper TobyMac to rocker Jeremy

Camp. At their concerts and other events, artists mention the importance of voting and provide opportunities to register, Payne said.

The effort is just one of many pushes by celebrities, ranging from MTV's Rock the Vote to the decidedly partisan Vote for a Change, which boasts such musical luminaries as Bruce Springsteen and the Dixie Chicks in an effort to topple President Bush.

## Today's praise

Redeem the Vote's nonpartisan approach is important to Payne. "I would say that most of the mainstream efforts are not quite as nonpartisan," she said.

Payne emphasizes the educational nature of the effort. "We're given a platform for a reason ... We can say you're vote counts," Payne said.

While the effort welcomes Democrats and Republicans, it's no secret that people signing up at a Redeem the Vote event are probably more likely to vote for President Bush. A majority of the religious vote has swung to the GOP in recent elections and most pundits forecast the same for 2004.

Also, beyond the bounds of Redeem the Vote, many Christian acts are showing their support for Bush. For example, rockers Third Day and singer Jaci Velasquez performed at the Republican convention.

Point of Grace's support of the nonpartisan Redeem the Vote doesn't stop them from expressing a bit of partisanship at other times. They sang at a Bush rally in Iowa on Aug. 31.

Despite that, Payne believes that voters should let someone else dictate whom they should vote for.

"Don't just take it from a movie star or actress — or even a Christian music star — but look at the issues," Payne said.

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## Girls' teen magazine adds religion section

BY RACHEL ZOLL  
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Faiza worships five times a day, while Rhianna is as likely to believe in God as in the Easter Bunny. Kristin prays too, but to the God and the Goddess.

This teenage religion debate can be found on the pages of a magazine better known for explaining how to match lipstick to blush.

Under editor-in-chief Atoosa Rubenstein, the venerable girls' publication Seventeen has added a faith section that includes inspirational messages, personal stories of spiritual struggle and testimonials on issues ranging from prayer to gay teens in church.

Verses from the New Testament, sayings from the Prophet Muhammad, the teachings of Pope John Paul II and the Dalai Lama are all featured.

"I feel, and had sensed that my readers felt, that there was an entire magazine that wasn't speaking to a part of them," Rubenstein said. "I just noticed more and more our readers were talking about their faith."

Experts on religion and youth trends agree. They theorize that teens are rebelling against the broad, undefined spirituality of their baby-boomer parents, and are seeking out environments like those in church — with clearer rules that help them cope with day-to-day problems.

In a recent study by Teenage Research Unlimited, a market research firm in Northbrook, Ill., 58



Atoosa Rubenstein, editor in chief of *Seventeen* magazine, has added a faith section to the teen fashion publication.

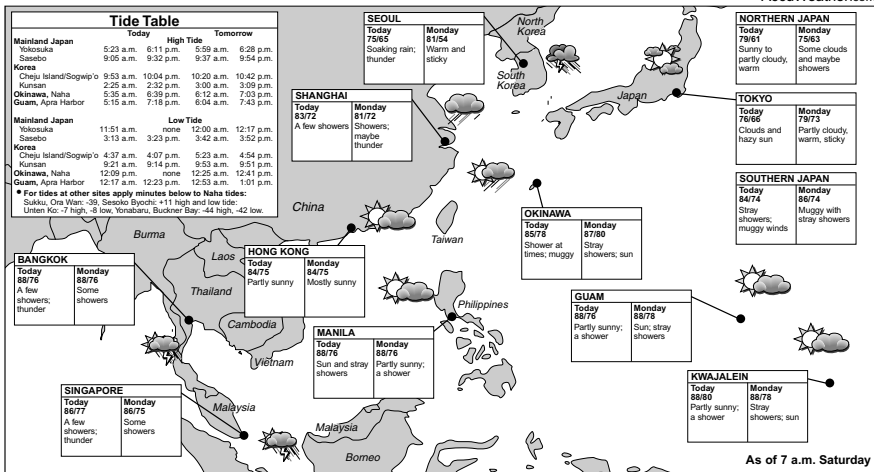
percent of teens ranked faith as among the most important parts of their life, said Michael Wood, the company's vice president.

Rubenstein said she first proposed a faith section several years ago when she was just starting out in magazine publishing. The response from the other editors, she said, was that a fashion magazine was no place for God. A year ago, she took over at Seventeen with a mandate to revamp the publication, and she revived the religion idea. For guidance, she formed an interfaith advisory board that includes an evangelical Christian preacher, a priest from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, a Reform Jewish rabbi, a Buddhist teacher, an Episcopal youth minister and two Muslims.

The section debuted in August, and Rubenstein said the reader response has been mostly positive so far.

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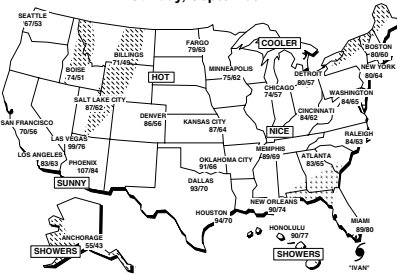
## Extended Forecasts

<b>TOKYO</b> Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 84, low 74. Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 85, low 73.	<b>KADENA</b> Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 78. Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 78.	<b>SEOUL</b> Tuesday: Showers, high 80, low 64. Wednesday: Rain, high 78, low 64.	<b>MANILA</b> Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 76. Wednesday: Showers, high 88, low 76.	<b>HAGATNA</b> Tuesday: Showers, high 88, low 76. Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 76.
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## Friday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	87/63	Los Angeles	92/69
Amarillo	91/58	Little Rock	89/63
Anchorage	59/43	Louisville	86/62
Asheville	83/58	Miami	90/79
Baltimore	83/60	Milwaukee	75/62
Birmingham	90/66	Nashville	85/63
Bismarck	81/50	New York	83/64
Boise	87/58	Omaha	90/63
Boston	77/59	Orlando	91/74
Brownsville	92/74	Philadelphia	84/60
Buffalo	73/54	Phoenix	106/63
Burlington	70/49	Pittsburgh	79/54
Charleston, SC	83/72	Portland, OR	77/62
Charlotte	86/64	Portland, ME	76/51
Cleveland	74/54	Salt Lake City	90/61
Columbus, OH	80/56	St. Louis	86/63
Duluth	73/56	San Antonio	94/72
El Paso	89/63	San Diego	83/68
Hartford	81/54	San Juan	90/76
Helena	79/50	Tampa	91/75
Indianapolis	81/58	Tulsa	90/64
Jacksonville	87/71	Washington	83/66
Kansas City	87/63	Wichita	90/63

## Sunday, September 12



## U.S. Extended Forecast

The focal point of attention over the next few days will be the path and potential impacts of Hurricane Ivan. Interests in Florida and along the northern Gulf Coast should continue to monitor this system for potential impacts. Fringe effects from Ivan could be felt in the Florida Keys as early as Sunday. A cold front will move into the Northeast on Sunday, bringing a few showers to mainly northern New England. Another cold front will provide clouds and rain to parts of the northern and central Rockies. Dry weather will be the rule across Texas and the Southwest. A cold front should be offshore of New England on Monday. A front will move out of the northern Rockies and into the northern Plains. Dry weather will continue in the Southwest.

## Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	88/76	Irwin	88/76
Beijing	84/67	Kadena AB	85/78
Camp Casey	74/64	Kusan AB	80/68
Christchurch	60/41	Kwajalein	88/80
Diego Garcia	81/74	Manila	88/76
Hanoi	88/76	Misawa AB	84/72
Hong Kong	84/75	Osan	84/75
Honolulu	90/77	Perth	84/75
		Pusan	90/77

## Sunday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/74	Budapest	77/49	Kabul	77/49	Nairobi	79/47
Athens	77/62	Buenos Aires	61/46	Kiev	69/53	New Delhi	94/80
Auckland	62/49	Cairo	88/81	Kuwait	108/72	Oslo	63/46
Baghdad	96/63	Cancun	87/75	London	70/55	Paris	61/41
Barbados	91/73	Cape Town	71/54	Madrid	65/62	Rio de Janeiro	76/64
Barcelona	72/60	Geneva	65/49	Mexico City	73/54	Rome	74/56
Berlin	68/48	Istanbul	68/56	Montreal	70/51	St. Petersburg	58/49
Bermuda	85/73	Jerusalem	81/56	Moscow	83/69	Stockholm	64/48
Brussels	65/46	Johnsburg	62/55	Moscow	61/48	Warsaw	76/50



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## NFL scoreboard

## American Conference

	East	West	North	South
New England	1	0	0	0
Buffalo	0	0	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	0
Houston	0	0	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	0
Indianapolis	0	1	0	0

## National Conference

	East	West	North	South
Dallas	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0
Atlanta	0	0	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0
Chicago	0	0	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	0

## Thursday

New England 27, Indianapolis 24	0	0	0	0
Tennessee at Miami, 1 p.m.	0	0	0	0
Sunday's games	0	0	0	0
Detroit at Chicago	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	0
Oakland at Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0
San Diego at Houston	0	0	0	0
Arizona at St. Louis	0	0	0	0
Washington at Seattle	0	0	0	0
Seattle at New Orleans	0	0	0	0
Jacksonville at Buffalo	0	0	0	0
Baltimore at Cleveland	0	0	0	0
Atlanta at San Francisco	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia	0	0	0	0
Kansas City at Denver	0	0	0	0

## Monday's game

Green Bay at Carolina	0	0	0	0
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## Thursday

Patriots 27, Colts 24	0	1	0	0
Indianapolis	0	1	0	0
New England	0	1	0	0

## First Quarter

NE—FG Vinatieri, 30, 10:05	0	1	0	0
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## Second Quarter

NE—FG Vinatieri, 32, 13:40	0	2	0	0
Ind—Branch 3 run from Brady (Vinatieri kick), 8:02	0	2	0	0
NE—Branch 16 pass from Brady (Vinatieri kick), 3:04	0	3	0	0

## Third Quarter

Ind—Harrison 3 pass from Manning (Vinatieri kick), 10:48	0	3	0	0
NE—Patten 25 pass from Brady (Vinatieri kick), 10:48	0	4	0	0
NE—Graham 8 pass from Brady (Vinatieri kick), 1:23	0	5	0	0

## Fourth Quarter

Ind—Stokely 7 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick), 11:05	0	6	0	0
A—68,756	0	6	0	0

First downs	28	22
Total Net Yards	446	402
Rushes-yards	42-202	17-82
Passing	244	320
Punt Returns	2-20	2-6
Kickoff returns	4-89	5-107
Interceptions Ret.	1-12	1-5
Comp.-Att.-Int.	16-25-1	26-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-12	2-15
Fumbles	2-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	3-20	8-55
Time of Possession	31:41	28:19

## Individual Statistics

Rushing—Indianapolis, James 30-142	0	0	0	0
Rhodes 15-42, Manning 2-18, New England, Dillon 12-56, Brady 1-0 (minus 1), Johnson 1 (minus 3)	0	0	0	0

Passing—Indianapolis, Manning 16-29-1-256, New England, Brady 26-38-1-325	0	0	0	0
Receiving—Indianapolis, Harrison 7-44, Stokely 4-77, James 3-29, Clark 1-64, Wayne 1-42, New England, Branch 7-56, Graham 7-57, Patten 4-36, Givens 4-80, Watson 1-26, Johnson 1-5, Faulk 1-5	0	0	0	0

Missed field goals—Indianapolis, Vanderjagt 48 (WR).	0	0	0	0
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## Sweet: Brady improves to 5-0 as starter against Colts

## SWEET, FROM BACK PAGE

"This year's a different year, different teams," Manning said. "You're supposed to score when you have chances down there."

Manning threw scoring passes to Marvin Harrison and Brandon Stokely. But he's 2-9 against the Patriots and 0-6 in Foxboro where he's thrown nine touchdowns and 16 interceptions. Brady is 5-0 against the Colts and 41-12 as an NFL starter, including the playoffs.

"There's lots of room for improvement because you just don't want to let it come down to such close plays at the end of the game," Brady said.

That helps keep the Patriots from looking ahead to Oct. 10 when they play Miami in what could be a record 19th straight victory.

Miami is one of five NFL teams that share the mark.

"You can't win all those games in one week," Brady said.

The Colts' chance to win Thursday ended when Vanderjagt, whose 32-yarder had tied the game 3-3 early in the second quarter, sent his final attempt wide right.

"We had a lot of bad football going on before that kick," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "It was probably a fitting end to the game."

Vanderjagt said, "I didn't choke," but took the blame for his first miss since a 44-yarder in the 14th game of the 2002 season.

"When you crash, you crash and burn," he said. "I blame it on no one but myself."

Before the opening kickoff, the



New England Patriots QB Tom Brady threw his first interception at home since 2002, but went 26-for-38 for 335 yards and 3 TD passes.

NFL staged an hour-long entertainment show, which was telecast with a 10-second delay to give the league and ABC a chance to pull the plug on anything too racy, such as Janet Jackson's breast-baring during the Super Bowl halftime show.

Elton John headlined the show that included the unveiling of the Patriots' second Super Bowl banner.

"I think our show was a little more exciting than the pregame show," McGinest said.

Corey Dillon made his Patriots debut after seven seasons in Cincinnati and gained 86 yards in 15 carries.

"This is what I have been looking for my whole career," he said.

"Playing with a bunch of guys who play 'til the end and know how to win."

## Hentrich ready to fill in, kick for Tennessee

## The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The good news for the Tennessee Titans is that punter Craig Hentrich has kicked in near hurricane conditions.

It was Halloween night 1994 at Soldier Field, and Hentrich was punting for the Green Bay Packers against the Chicago Bears with wind swirling to 60 mph.

"It's a funny thing. I averaged 27 yards a punt and got a game ball," Hentrich recalled Thursday.

With the Titans' opener at Miami moved up 24 hours to Saturday because of approaching Hurricane Ivan, Hentrich might have to do much more than punt with Tennessee running out of time to find a new kicker before the opener.

The Titans brought in three kickers Thursday. Matt Bryant wasn't healthy enough to kick, but Tim Duncan and Aaron Elling had tryouts with Hentrich today.

Tennessee lured Gary Anderson, the NFL's career scoring leader, out of a Colorado river last year to replace Joe Nedney, who was lost to a season-ending injury.

"I've not had a personal conversation with Gary," coach Jeff Fisher said. "However, Floyd [Reese] has talked to Gary's agent. That is all I have to report right now."

Hentrich said he talked with Anderson this week, and the 45-year-old kicker is enjoying fly fishing these days. Don Mark, Anderson's agent, did not immediately return a telephone message left by The Associated Press.

Finding a new kicker may not be a top priority after the NFL decided Thursday to move up the opener. The Titans were to squeeze in two days of work into Friday before flying to Miami late in the afternoon.

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# Troy State surprises No. 19 Missouri

BY JOHN ZENOR  
The Associated Press

TROY, Ala. — Missouri was thinking blowout, Troy looked helpless and Brad Smith was seemingly unstoppable.

Then, everything flip-flopped and Troy upset the 19th-ranked Tigers 24-14 on Thursday night with gadgets, luck and guts. Receiver Jason Samples threw a touchdown pass and caught another, and offensive lineman Junior Louissaint scored on a 63-yard fumble recovery for the Trojans.

Missouri (1-1) barely seemed to exert itself in building a 14-0 lead in the first eight minutes but everything was a strain after that against the resilient Trojans (2-0).

"We thought we could, we thought we could, we thought we could," Troy coach Larry Blakeney said. "And finally we did."

His fourth-year Division I-A program had never hosted a BCS conference team and was 0-6 against Big 12 teams. No wonder the fans stormed the field and pulled down a goal post as Missouri players slumped to the locker room.

"To me, this is the biggest win we've ever had," Blakeney said.

Smith passed for 224 yards and ran 15 times for 36 yards, but threw two interceptions in the second half. He got few big plays against a speedy Troy defense and his Heisman hopes were dealt a blow.

"I don't know if I've ever been involved in a game like this before," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said. "We moved the ball very well in the first quarter. Did we lose focus? I don't know. If I knew, I would have corrected it immediately. We got stifled the



BIRMINGHAM NEWS/AP

**Troy State offensive lineman Junior Louissaint leaves Missouri defenders behind as he recovers a fumble and runs 63 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter.**

rest of the game."

And Troy's Aaron Leak, who was only 7-for-20 with three interceptions, made the pass he needed to. He rolled left and hit a leaping Samples in the end zone four minutes into the fourth quarter. Leak was down on the turf for a minute after taking a hard hit on the play, then got up and waved his arms to the crowd, the largest in school history at 26,574.

Smith then drove the Tigers to Troy's 30, but couldn't get them further before they turned it over on downs.

Troy milled the clock below six minutes

and punter Thomas Olmsted buried the Tigers inside the 5 for the second straight time. Arthur Adams effectively ended Missouri's hopes with an interception.

"It was never a doubt with us that we could play with them and eventually beat them," said Bernard Davis, who blocked a punt.

The Trojans, coming off a road victory at Marshall, used trickery and luck to take a stunning 17-14 halftime lead after failing to get a first down in the first 20 minutes.

With Troy down two touchdowns, Leak threw a lateral to Samples, who floated a

Troy 24, No. 19 Missouri 14			
Missouri	14	0	0-14
Troy	0	17	0-14
<b>First Quarter</b>			
Mis—Nash 6 run (Tantarelli kick), 11:09			
Mis—Sesay 10 pass from Smith (Tantarelli kick), 7:28			
<b>Second Quarter</b>			
Troy—Richardson 27 pass from Samples (Whibbs kick), 6:40			
Troy—Louissaint 63 fumble recovery (Whibbs kick), 4:33			
Troy—FG Whibbs 43, 1:01			
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>			
Troy—Samples 33 pass from Leak (Whibbs kick), 11:23			
A—26,574			
First downs	Mis	Troy	
Rushes-yards	36-112	41-172	
Passing	224	171	
Comp-Att-int	25-46-2	8-21-3	
Return Yards	59	106	
Punts-Avg.	8-39.6	7-45.7	
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-0	
Penalties-Yards	6-35	5-38	
Time of Possession	33:29	26:31	
<b>INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS</b>			
Rushing—Missouri, Nash 15-94, Smith 15-36, Woods 6-7, Troy, Betterton 21-33, Richardson 10-28, Leak 10-minus 12, Louissaint 6-63			
Passing—Missouri, Smith 25-46-2-24, Troy, Leak 8-21-3-34, Samples 1-0-0-27			
Receiving—Missouri, Olmstead 6-64, Sesay 5-34, Nash 5-22, Coffey 4-35, Rucker 3-44, Bowersoku 2-25, Troy, Richardson 2-44, Cray 2-18, Samples 1-33, Hampton 1-14, Betterton 1-7, Dawkins 1-5			

pass to wide-open tailback Jermaine Richardson in the end zone for a 27-yard score midway through the second quarter.

After Missouri was forced to punt, the 277-pound Louissaint came up with the most exciting play of the game, catching teammate DeWhitt Betterton's fumble and rambling 63 yards into the end zone.

"I looked up and saw Junior running stride for stride and outrunning everybody," said Betterton. "That's a long way for a lineman to run."

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# Yokota rolls to 2-0 in rout

## Roach amasses 277 yards, 4 TDs in shutout of Zama

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Call senior back Chris Roach Yokota's "All-Purpose Man."

He racked up 277 total yards, rushing three times for touchdowns and returning an interception for a score, and the defense held Zama American to minus-48 yards as the Panthers rode a huge first half en route to a 34-0 shutout of the Trojans Friday at Yokota's Bank Field.

To Roach, none of his exploits would be possible without somebody paving the road for him.

"It's only because of Shamarr," Roach said of junior Shamarr Howell, who plays fullback and in tandem with Roach in the defensive backfield and on kick returns.

"Defense, offense, special teams, he's the key block," Roach said. "When somebody misses a block, he picks up two or three key blocks down the field. I just follow No. 35 (Howell) wherever I need to go to."

Roach finished with 233 yards on 23 carries. Roach has amassed 492 yards and astonishing 10 TDs this season as the Panthers (2-0) won their 41st

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straight game on the field. Yokota forfeited two games during the 2002 season.

Despite the one-sided score, not everything went in Yokota's favor. The Panthers' offense was shut out in the second half. Yokota hadn't been held scoreless in a half since 2001.

Uncharacteristic penalties and missed assignments proved to be Yokota's undoing in the second half Friday, coach Tim Pujol said.

"We definitely have some things to work on," he said, partly blaming the slowdown on having some players playing on both offense and defense. "These things are fixable. I think it was a good test for the guys in the line. And the defense played outstanding."

As to the Trojans' offensive woes — they've been held to 69 yards on 76 plays in their first two games — coach Ron Geist feels his team (0-2) is just a few key blocks away from becoming a dangerous team.

"Our offense is always one block away from going," he said. "One guy just not picking up his man. But our defense came alive in the second half. If we put it together, we should win the rest of our games."

# Newman will start from pole

## for final Nextel Cup qualifier

BY JENNA FRYER

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — None of the 20 poles Ryan Newman has won in his short NASCAR career are as important as the one he earned Friday at Richmond International Speedway.

Newman will start Saturday night's Chevrolet Rock & Roll 400 from the front spot, the perfect place to be for the last event before NASCAR resets the field and begins the 10-race playoff.

Newman, who qualified first with a lap at 128.700 mph in a Dodge, is currently in eighth place in the driver standings. But he's slightest mishap could send him spiraling out of the top 10 and leave him out of the race from racing for the Nextel Cup championship.

Mark Martin, currently holding the 10th and final spot in the race for the chase, qualified second with a lap at 127.407 mph in a Ford.

Martin, an eternal pessimist who has finished second in the championship standings four times, must be flawless Saturday



Newman

night to get into the hunt.

He's got just a 25-point lead over Jamie McMurray, with Bobby Labonte, Dale Jarrett, Jeremy Mayfield and Kevin Har-

vick all mathematically eligible to crack the top 10.

"I know for positive that we are going to run good," Martin said. "But I also know that no matter how good we are running, I can't stop the air from coming out of a tire if it gets a hole in it. ... I am tired of all this talking about it. I want to go race."

NASCAR begins its new points system at the conclusion of Saturday night's race. The top 10 in the standings, and anyone within 400 points of the leader, will have their points total reset by five-point increments.

Only those drivers will be eligible to race for the Nextel Cup title

over the final 10 events of the year.

The pressure is clearly on. Only five drivers are currently locked in: points leader Jimmie Johnson (qualified third), Jeff Gordon (ninth), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (14th), Tony Stewart (15th) and Matt Kenseth (16th).

Elliot Sadler, sixth in the standings, only has to start the race to become eligible and he qualified 20th. Kurt Busch, who qualified 17th, simply has to finish 42nd or higher to get in.

After that, it will be a scramble under the lights on Richmond's .75-mile D-shaped oval, where the racing is usually rough, drivers are aggressive and frustrations are quick to boil over.

Add in desperate circumstances for those trying to get into the chase, and Saturday night could be full of daring, dangerous moves.

"I think there's plenty of potential for that," Newman said.

"I think this will be the race of all races this year that would most likely happen."

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# Air Force coach DeBerry gets five-year extension

From staff and wire reports

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Air Force football coach Fisher DeBerry agreed to a five-year contract extension on Thursday.

DeBerry, in his 21st season at Air Force, has a 156-89-1 career record and has been at the academy longer than any other coach.

"Fisher is one of the nation's best coaches and we have now secured the future of Falcon football for the next five years," athletic director Hans Much said in a statement.

DeBerry, 66, led the Falcons to a 12-1 record and a top-five ranking in 1985, when he was voted national coach of the year. Seventeen of his teams have posted winning records and 12 have played in bowls.

The contract extension comes as running back Matthew Ward, who has been suspended from the team, faces a court-martial for wrongful use and possession of the steroid methandrostenedione. He pleaded innocent earlier this week.

Linebacker Overton Spence was acquitted on a charge of wrongful use of the same type of steroid on Sept. 1, after claiming he did not know the steroid was illegal. He was reinstated to the team Monday.

### Congress approves tougher agent law

WASHINGTON — Congress has moved to impose tougher penalties on unethical sports agents who seek to entice athletes into contracts that compromise their amateur standing and damage the reputations of their schools.

The legislation that passed by a vote in the Senate last Thursday and now goes to the president for his signature was promoted by Rep. Tom Osborne, R-Nebr., the former Nebraska football coach.

The NCAA has rules, and some states have standards, for sports agents, but Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., principal author of the bill, said that hasn't stopped some unscrupulous agents from "aggressively pursuing these kids anyway, possibly ruining a chance to compete on the college level and get a degree."

The legislation would bar agents from recruiting athletes by giving false or misleading information or providing any

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of value to the athlete or his family before entering into a contract.

The agent must also disclose in writing that the athlete may lose NCAA eligibility after signing an agency contract and requires the athlete and the agent to notify the school's athletic director that the athlete has signed a contract so the school does not play a now-ineligible athlete in a game.

Violators would face civil actions by the Federal Trade Commission and state attorneys general and fines of up to \$11,000 a day could be levied for each offense.

### NHL labor talks break off

NEW YORK — After failing to make any progress toward a new collective bargaining agreement, the NHL owners and players agreed on one point: A lockout seems inevitable.

The players' association made its first proposal to the owners in nearly a year Thursday, but it only seemed to assure that a lockout will be imposed Sept. 15 when the current deal expires. No new talks were scheduled.

### Warriors waive Laettner

OAKLAND, Calif. — Christian Laettner was waived by the Golden State Warriors on Thursday, less than a month after he was acquired in an eight-player trade with the Dallas Mavericks.

Laettner was traded to Dallas after averaging 5.9 points, 2.8 rebounds and 1.9 assists in 48 games with Washington last year.

Laettner, a member of the original Olympic Dream Team in 1992, has averaged 13.3 points, 6.9 rebounds and 2.7 assists in a 12-year career with Minnesota, Atlanta, Detroit, Dallas and Washington.

### Air Force starts fast in All-Armed Forces softball

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Taking the first steps toward regaining the crown it lost in 2002, Air Force dominated the first day of play Thursday in the All-Armed Forces men's softball tournament.

Highlighting the day was Air Force avenging last year's loss to Army in the gold-medal game. Air Force soundly beat Army 25-12 in the final game of the evening.

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# Another all-Russian final

## Dementieva, Kuznetsova to play for U.S. Open title

BY BEN WALKER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Elena Dementieva kept floating her funny serves, slow and spinning. Fries were more suited for table tennis than the hard courts at Flushing Meadows. And at the end, that was barely enough.

In a match that was more entertaining than well played, Dementieva somehow outlasted Jennifer Capriati 6-0, 2-6, 7-6 (5) Friday to set up an all-Russian women's final in the U.S. Open.

The Open is the only Grand Slam event that goes to a final-set tiebreaker, and that's where this one went. Capriati won a stirring, 49-stroke exchange early in the set, then let loose her only double-fault of the day to make it 6-all.

Dementieva won it on her second match point, and advanced to play Svetlana Kuznetsova for the championship Saturday. Earlier, Kuznetsova became the first woman to reach the Open final when she beat limping Lindsay Davenport 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

"Russians are here," Kuznetsova said after her victory.

It will be the second all-Russian final in a major this year. Dementieva lost to Anastasia Myskina in the French Open. Then Russian Maria Sharapova won Wimbledon.

The men's semis also will be Saturday, with No. 28 Joachim Johansson against Lleyton Hewitt and top-seeded Roger Federer taking on Tim Henman.

This marks the first time since 1988 that no Americans will be in the finals of this tournament.

Fans at Arthur Ashe Stadium clearly rooted for the New York-born Capriati at the start. As the match moved along, highlighted by that 49-stroke exchange, the crowd was gasping, cheering and laughing — often all at once.

"It's not easy to play Jennifer in New York," Dementieva said.

Dementieva hung on with 58 mph serves and will get a chance to win her first major title. Capriati, winner of three Grand Slam events, fell to 0-4 in U.S. Open semifinals and sobbed in the locker room, comforted by her mother.

Seeded 28th, Johansson's days in relative thinness obscurity are

now numbered. He stood tall after Roddick rallied Thursday night and sent the defending U.S. Open champion home with a 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 upset in the quarterfinals.

Johansson sure didn't figure on being here. For a birthday present, the Swede had already given his dad a golf vacation this week in Scotland.

"I was actually supposed to be with him," Johansson said. "I have to change my plans."

Playing in his first major quarterfinal, Johansson went to five sets for the first time in his career.

He slugged away with Roddick, firing serves at 141 mph, and ended the match by breaking Roddick's serve. Roddick converted only three of 15 break points. Johansson was 3-for-5.

"Yeah, that's the stat," Roddick said. "You don't really need to analyze the match any further."

"Let's give some credit to him. The guy serves out of a tree. He serves huge."

Roddick didn't do badly, either.

During the match, he won 29 straight points on his serve. Roddick finished with 34 aces to Johansson's 30.



Jennifer Capriati was defeated 6-0, 2-6, 7-6 (5) by Russia's Elena Dementieva in the U.S. Open semifinals in New York on Friday.

Though he started the year ranked 113th, Johansson was familiar with Roddick. Now both 22, they played doubles together in the 2000 French Open junior event, and lost in the final.

When they met at the net to shake hands, Roddick twice tapped Johansson on the heart.

"I expected to see a lot of him out of juniors. He had that serve," Roddick said. "To kind of see him progress a little late is surprising to me because I think that much of him as a player."

Mark Knowles and Daniel Nestor won their first U.S. Open doubles title by beating Leander Paes and David Rikl 6-3, 6-3 on Friday.

Knowles, of the Bahamas, and Nestor, of Canada, also won the 2002 Australian Open. But they have lost six other Grand Slam finals, including in the 1998 U.S. Open.

They didn't face a break point Friday, while breaking their opponents' serves three times, including Rikl's in the final game.

# Singh surges into contention with 28 on front nine

The Associated Press

OAKVILLE, Ont. — With an awesome display of shots that brought him to No. 1 in the world, Vijay Singh put himself in the record books Friday morning with a 28 on the front nine at Glen Abbey to surge into contention at the rain-delayed Canadian Open.

## Golf roundup

Twelve shots better than his back nine, Singh finished with a 68 and was two shots behind Joey Sindelar, who finished his 66 late Thursday.

Singh, among half the field who failed to finish the first round because of a five-hour rain delay, hit his approach into the water and took bogey on the 18th to shoot 40 on his opening nine. He was in jeopardy of missing the cut in his first event since replacing Tiger Woods at No. 1 in the world ranking.

All that changed on the front nine, played under gorgeous sunshine and little wind.

Starting with a 3-foot birdie on the second hole, Singh played the next seven holes in 7 under par. He made five birdies inside 6 feet, and holed a 40-foot eagle putt on the fifth.

His 28 broke by one shot the Canadian Open record for nine holes, previously held by Mike McCullough in 1984 and Andy Bean in 1983, both times at the Abbey.

Singh had a 25-foot birdie putt on his final hole that would have tied the PGA Tour record of 27.

It was an even better performance by the last No. 1 player at Glen Abbey. Four years ago, Woods was close to the cut line in the second round when he finished birdie-eagle-birdie-eagle to shoot 65, and he went on to win.

Just as suddenly, Singh again looks like the final hole to beat.

He declined comment after his

record-setting nine holes — "Not now," he said to a Royal Canadian Golf Association media official — and headed back out to start his second round.

Billy Andrade, who won a dramatic playoff in 1998 at the Abbey, also turned around his fortunes by playing his final 10 holes in 6 under par in the 60s on the last one shot behind along with Craig Barlow.

The biggest star, former Masters champion Mike Weir of Canada, recovered from a double bogey on the eighth hole to shoot a 68, his lowest round at Glen Abbey and the second time he has shot in the 60s on the Jack Nicklaus design that has never been one of his favorites.

## McDowell leads German Masters; three Ryder Cup players miss cut

PULHEIM, Germany — Northern Ireland's Graeme McDowell, a former top-ranked college golfer at Alabama, shot an 8-under-par 64 Friday for a three-stroke lead at the German Masters,

where three European Ryder Cup players missed the cut.

Colin Montgomerie, Ian Poulter and Paul McGinley made an early exit a week before their showdown with the Americans at Oakland Hills outside Detroit.

Todd Hamilton also missed the cut after a 77 in the American's first trip back to Europe since winning the British Open.

McDowell ran off three straight birdies to start his round on a day when shifting winds kept scores high. He was at 11-under 133 halfway through the tournament.

"I'm pretty sure I've never led going into the weekend," McDowell said. "I've never been this far ahead, either. But I won eight times in college, so I don't mind being out front."

Frenchman Raphael Jacquelin and Australians Nick O'Hern and Richard Green — all with 68s — shared second at 136.

Montgomerie, troubled by the wind and his putting, shot a 76 to finish at 149 while playing partner McGinley was at 151 and Poulter at 155.

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Florida's Luis Castillo slides home to score a run in the sixth inning on a hit by Chicago Cubs catcher Michael Barrett fields the late throw.

## 'Frances' game goes to Marlins

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Carl Pavano got his 17th victory with a seven-hit shutout Friday, helping the Florida Marlins beat the Chicago Cubs 7-0 in the first game of a doubleheader.

It was the teams' first meeting since Game 7 of last year's NL championship series. Eleven months ago, the Marlins marched into Wrigley Field and won the final two games to earn a trip to the World Series, rallying with eight eighth-inning runs in a stunning Game 6 victory in which the Cubs become unglued.

The 2004 Cubs, who have lost seven of 10, committed three errors Friday and heard an earful of boos when another fly ball dropped between two outfielders.

And the Marlins, who've won 18 of 24, rocked Kerry Wood (7-7) for 11 hits and six runs, four earned, in six innings.

The doubleheader was a make-up of one game of a three-game set that was wiped out by Hurricane Frances last weekend in Miami. After playing here Saturday and Sunday, the teams must also play a twinnill on Sept. 20.

Pavano (17-5), who started Game 6 of the NLCS, won his fifth straight start and pitched his second shutout of the season. He struck out Sammy Sosa with runners on second and third to end it. He struck out six without a walk.

Pavano singled to start the second and Cubs third baseman Ramon Martinez made consecutive throwing errors on sacrifice bunts, loading the bases. Miguel Cabrera then hit a two-run single.

After back-to-back doubles by Juan Encarnacion and Alex Gonzalez and a walk in the sixth, Paul Lo Duca's high fly fell between Sammy Sosa and Corey Patterson for a two-run single, making it 5-0. Cabrera then delivered another run-scoring single.

Pavano hit a two-out RBI dou-

ble off Jon Lester in the seventh.

In Thursday's NL game:

**Phillies 9, Braves 4:** Jim Thome broke a 4-4 tie in the seventh inning with a two-run double and visiting Philadelphia won its third straight over the NL East-leading Braves.

The Braves had tied it in on Charles Thomas' bizarre homer in the fourth. Phillies centerfielder Jason Michaels had Thomas' long drive bounce off his glove at the warning track. Michaels swatted at the ball to keep it from falling to the ground and inadvertently slapped it over the fence.

**Pirates 3-2, Astros 1-9:** Jeff Bagwell, Brad Ausmus and Lance Berkman drove in two runs apiece in the nightcap to help visiting Houston gain a doubleheader split and win for the 13th time in 14 games.

In the first game, Oliver Perez (10-8) ended Houston's 12-game winning streak by striking out a career-high 14 in eight dominant innings. He joined Bob Veale as the only Pirates pitchers with 200 strikeouts in a season.

**Rockies 9, Padres 7:** Todd Helton had three RBIs and Aaron Miles broke a 7-7 tie with a two-run single in the seventh for color Colorado. The Padres are 1-4 against the Rockies the past week and have lost seven of 10 overall.

**Dodgers 5, Diamondbacks 3:** Steve Finley homered twice and Jose Lima (12-5) earned his first victory in a month.

Finley snapped a 2-2 tie in the fifth with a solo homer off Edgar Gonzalez (0-9), then hit a two-run shot in the sixth to help the hot Dodgers extend their NL West lead to five games over idle San Francisco. Eric Gagne earned his 38th save in 40 opportunities.

**Brewers 7, Reds 2:** Wes Helms hit a grand slam, Brady Clark went 4-for-4 against his former team and Doug Davis (11-10) tied his career high for victories with his first win in seven starts.

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## Sweet 16 for Pats

Defense makes  
big stops in 4th  
as New England  
extends streak

BY HOWARD ULMAN  
The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — Opening night in the NFL had fireworks before the game, plenty of offense during it and another slim victory by the New England Patriots.

New England beat the Indianapolis Colts 27-24 Thursday night in its first game since a 32-29 victory over Carolina earned the Patriots' second Super Bowl title in three years.

The Patriots' winning streak, including playoffs, reached 16 games, two shy of the NFL record, after Mike Vanderjagt's streak of successful field-goal attempts ended at 42 when he missed a 48-yarder with 19 seconds left.

"No one cares about last year," Patriots linebacker Teddy Bruschi said. "The question is, 'Can you do it again?'"

"Vanderjagt didn't, but Willie McGinest did."

One play before Vanderjagt's miss, the Patriots linebacker sacked Peyton Manning for a 13-yard loss, shoving the Colts out of easy field-goal range. In a 38-34 victory at Indianapolis last season, McGinest stopped Edgerin James on fourth-and-one with 14 seconds left.

"I was going to swipe at the ball and try to get the fumble out" against Manning, McGinest said, "but I figured he'd dropped back far enough" to make the field-goal attempt difficult.

Two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady completed 26 of 38 passes for 335 yards and three touchdowns, but threw his first interception at home since 2002.

In the rematch of last season's 24-14 Patriots victory in the AFC championship game, Indianapolis gained 446 yards, more than the Patriots gave up in any game last season.

James rushed for 142 yards, but the Colts turned the ball over twice at the Patriots' 1-yard line on Bruschi's interception on the first series and James' fumble on the next-to-last possession.

The 1-yard line proved to be a tough obstacle for the Colts again.



New England Patriots LB Willie McGinest (55) wraps up Indianapolis Colts QB Peyton Manning for a sack late in the fourth quarter at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., on Thursday. The Colts' Mike Vanderjagt missed a 48-yard field goal attempt on the next play, and the Patriots went on to a 27-24 victory.



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